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Residence now transferable after two years

KUWAIT, July 14, (Agencies): Social Affairs and Labour Minister Sheikh Jaber Al Abdullah Al Jaber today approved a number of amendments on the country's labour regulations. The amendments stipulated converting dependents' residence to working residence following the minister's approval on the condition of the sponsors' agreement. They further allowed transferring the worker's residence from the private sector to the government sector and vice versa without any conditions attached except for the two parties' approval. Another amendment allowed workers to transfer their residence from one sponsor to another after two years of work instead of three and the ministry may exempt those residing in the country for ten consecutive years from that condition. A final amendment asked for a photocopy of the civil identity card instead of a photocopy of the work ID wherever asked in the ministry's transactions. The ministerial decision No. 92/1990 amending the decision No. 87/1989 governing the organisation of labour in the private sector became effective yesterday. "Those persons who hold family residence permits can after obtaining the approval of the minister, transfer their residence to working visas after getting the approval of the sponsor." Workers in the private sector or ministries can transfer their residence permits to either sector without abiding by the condition of the time-frame stipulated for such transfer in Article 16 of this decision No. 87/89 — provided the approval of the two sectors involved is obtained for such transfer.



The Ghost Dad
Actor-comedian-author, Bill Cosby, as he looks today, has resurfaced in a fresh round of publicity to push his new film 'Ghost Dad', in which he plays Elliot Hopper, a not-so-conscientious, overworked single father. (Story on Page 3)

Fear of Arab attack

Israel developing nuclear missiles

WASHINGTON, July 14, (UPI): Israel, long thought to have assembled a formidable nuclear weapons arsenal, is developing sea-based nuclear cruise missiles to deter threats from Arab neighbours, excerpts from a new book showed today. In their book, "Every Spy a Prince," authors Dan Raviv and Yossi Melman say fears of nuclear or chemical weapon attacks from Iraq, Libya and other nations have prompted Israel's push for more sophisticated arms. "Strategists in Israel have concluded that they have no choice but to prepare for a new balance of power in the Middle East: a balance of terror based on a regional version of 'mutual assured destruction,' the so-called 'mad' doctrine that has helped keep the peace between the United States and Soviet Union," the authors write. Raviv and Melman quote intelligence sources as saying that Israel is only a few years away from developing cruise missiles that could be launched from submarines. The sea-based missiles would give Israel a second strike capacity, enabling it to retaliate even if Arab forces managed to hit Israel's nuclear reactor, ground-to-ground missile sites and air force bases.

A US State Department spokesman contacted said he had not heard of the book and declined comment. Israel has refused to confirm or deny whether it possesses nuclear weapons. Faced with various revelations of its weapons-making capacity, the government has repeatedly said that "Israel will not be the first to introduce nuclear weapons into the Middle East." Raviv, a CBS news television correspondent, and Melman, an Israeli journalist, say West Germany has approved the sale of two submarines to Israel that would be capable of launching the cruise missiles at land targets. The submarines are expected to arrive within three years.

NEWSWATCH

Bernstein hospitalised: US composer and conductor Leonard Bernstein was unable to conduct a concert of young musicians from Pacific countries in Tokyo today because of illness, sponsors of the concert said. The 72-year-old composer was told by his doctor to rest 48 hours to recuperate from overwork, said a spokesman for the Pacific Music Festival Centre, which is sponsoring Bernstein's trip to Japan.

Lanka bus massacre: Tamil Tiger rebels stopped three buses near the eastern town of Kalmunai and shot and killed at least 35 passengers, all Muslims, officials said today. Muslim politicians put the death toll at 150.

Iran for oil price hike

NICOSIA, July 14, (AP): Iran's Oil Minister Gholamreza Azagadeh said today his country will push for a price hike of more than \$2 per barrel of oil at the Opec meeting later this month, Tehran's official media reported. Azagadeh spoke at a news conference after his return home from a trip to the United Arab Emirates, where he conferred with emirates officials. He left later today for Algeria. Tehran radio said he will deliver there a letter from President Hashemi Rafsanjani to Algerian President Chadli Bendjedid stressing the need to increase the prices of oil.

ARAB TIMES Grand Bingo

Mr Joseph L. M. Fernandes has won the Third Full House prize. He will receive KD40. The answer to the clue is 75. WATCH OUT FOR THE NEXT BINGO GAME.

Six more ministers resign; crisis will be defused: Bommai Singh offers to quit

Supporters appeal for unity; hoax: Congress

NEW DELHI, July 14, (Agencies): Prime Minister V.P. Singh offered to resign as leader of the 7-month-old National Front government today after three cabinet ministers quit in protest over an incident they claimed violated his pledge to restore honesty to government.

Singh, in the worst crisis of his government, offered to step down in a letter delivered this morning to the President of his Janata Dal party. The official rejected the resignation later in the day, temporarily defusing the government crisis.

"There is nothing to be anxious about," said Janata Dal party chief S.R. Bommai. "It is a party affair and I am confident that the crisis will be defused. I have not accepted the resignation of the prime minister. I hope and am confident that there will be no occasion to elect a new leader."

Bommai summoned a meeting of senior party leaders for tonight and said he would convene a session of the National Front coalition partners tomorrow in an effort to resolve the crisis.

Despite Bommai's reassurances, the government crisis appeared to be snowballing tonight with the resignation of six additional cabinet ministers who charged that the government had reneged on its pledge to uphold public morality.

The resignation movement was building as a protest against Deputy Prime Minister Devi Lal, a Janata Dal power-broker widely thought to have engineered the re-election of his controversial son as chief minister of the Haryana state government. The resigning cabinet ministers reaffirmed their support for Singh while criticising the pressure tactics that led to the re-election of Om Prakash Chautala, Lal's son.

Senior party leaders gathered at the prime minister's home late today to discuss the crisis, and a Janata Dal official told reporters that the group endorsed Bommai's decision to reject Singh's resignation. The Press Trust of India said.

As the officials met inside, supporters of Devi Lal and Singh staged noisy demonstrations outside. Devi Lal supporters protested against the prime and Singh's backers chanted slogans accusing Devi Lal of trying to impose "family rule," the agency said.

The prime minister's offer to resign drew appeals for unity from supporters of the National Front coalition government, but the opposition Congress (I) party of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi expressed doubt that Singh ever really intended to resign.

A Congress (I) spokesman called the whole affair a "hoax," the Press Trust of India reported. The government crisis was triggered yesterday by the re-election of controversial figure (Continued on Page 2)

Ridley resigns

LONDON, July 14, (AP): A government minister resigned from the cabinet today, two days after publication of his scathing remarks about Germany. Trade Secretary Nicholas Ridley had been under fire from all parties and little supported by the prime minister. Ridley submitted his resignation this evening after consulting earlier in the day with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. (See Page 7)



Mubarak (left) and Assad review a guard of honour at the Presidential Palace in Alexandria yesterday during Assad's visit to Cairo. (Reuters wirephoto)

Fahd to follow

BEIRUT, July 14, (Kuna): Saudi monarch King Fahd Bin Abdel Aziz will visit Damascus at the end of this month to hold talks with Syrian President Hafez Assad, it was reported here today.

A local news agency said the agreement on convening a Saudi-Syrian summit was taken during recent talks of Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal in Damascus on Lebanon and the task of the tripartite committee assigned by the Arab League to solve the Lebanese crisis.



No martial law

Despite a series of simultaneous explosions that rocked the Philippine capital, Defence Secretary Fidel Ramos yesterday ruled out a declaration of martial law and rebel soldiers denied responsibility. "There is no basis at all to the talks about coup or martial law because we have gone through similar series of terrorism in Metro Manila and all were handled quite well by the capital command," said Ramos.

"The scattered bombing incidents should not cause our people to panic," he said in a statement in northern Laoag City and carried by the official Philippine news agency. "We should not help the perpetrators by becoming panicky about it because this is what they want."

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Mubarak, Assad confer in-camera

CAIRO, July 14, (UPI): Syrian President Hafez Al Assad and President Hosni Mubarak began their first round of summit talks today, discussing Palestinian and Lebanese issues and the situation in the Gulf, Egypt's Middle East News Agency reported.

The news agency said the Mubarak-Assad talks, held in the Egyptian Mediterranean city of Alexandria, also dealt with bilateral relations and means of bolstering them.

"The talks dealt with several Arab and international issues of mutual interest to both countries, foremost of which are the Palestinian issue, the Lebanese crisis and situation in the Gulf," the news agency said.

"The talks also dealt with bilateral relations between the two countries and means of consolidating them in the various fields," the news agency said. Delegates on both the Egyptian and Syrian sides meanwhile held separate talks, the news agency said.

Assad, accompanied by a 12-member delegation, including Vice-President Abdul-Halim Khaddam and Foreign Minister Farouk Schara, arrived today at Alexandria's El Nozha airport and was greeted warmly by Mubarak.

The two presidents then drove in a motorcade from the airport to the Ras El Teen presidential palace where Assad is staying during his three-day official visit, his first to Egypt in about 13 years.

Chanting crowds lined up on both sides of the streets to salute the two Arab leaders and chanted Arab solidarity slogans, the news agency reported.

Mubarak and Assad embraced and kissed after the Syrian leader's plane landed at the airport.

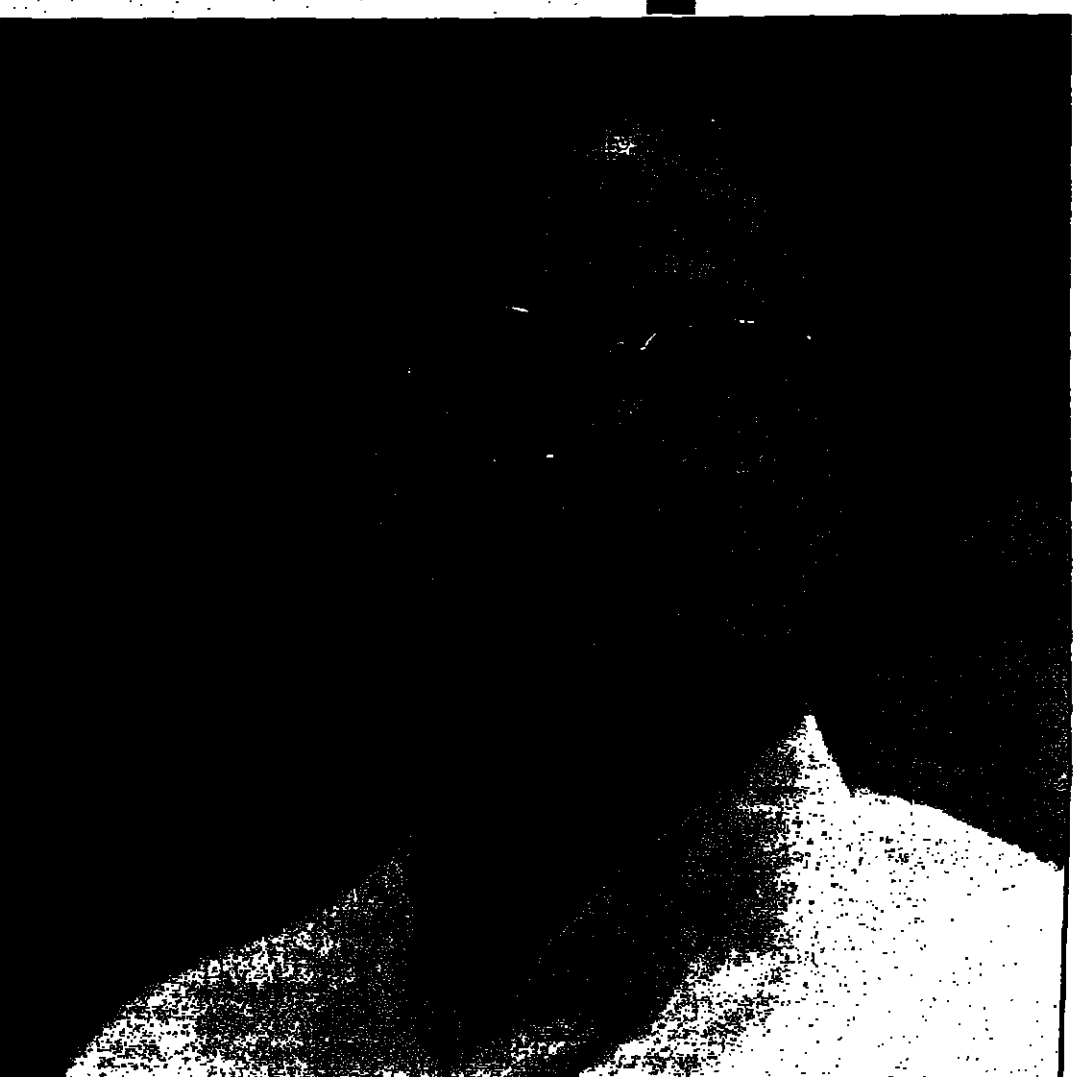
Assad and Mubarak conferred for three hours in-camera immediately after they drove from the airport to the palace.

Egyptian Information Minister Salafat El Sherif told reporters that the two leaders discussed Arab problems and bilateral relations. He gave no details.

Arab diplomatic sources in Cairo said Assad, whose country has special ties with Iran, would try to remove obstacles in the way of existing Iranian-Egyptian ties. Syria was the only Arab country to back Iran in its eight-year Gulf war against Iraq.

Egypt is hosting the foreign ministers meeting of the 45-member of Organization of Islamic Conference July 31 and Cairo said Iran would attend the meeting although it is not known if Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati would participate or instead send one of his aides.

Tehran severed ties with Egypt in 1979 when Cairo concluded its peace treaty with Israel. The newspaper Al-Ahram proposed a meeting in Cairo between the Syrian foreign minister and his Iraqi counterpart Tarek Aziz to settle the existing (Continued on Page 9)



V.P. Singh offers to step down.



Janata Party President S.R. Bommai (centre) addressing a news conference in New Delhi yesterday after V.P. Singh offered his resignation. (Reuters wirephoto)

No crisis: Bommai

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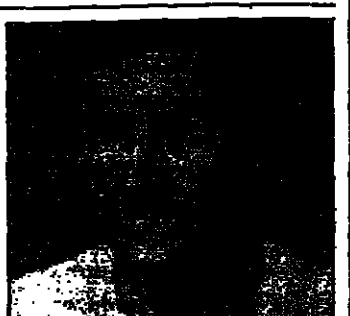
Censorship likely to go in Oct

By Hussein Salama
PRESS censorship in Kuwait is expected to be lifted shortly, possibly before next October — the starting date of the 2nd session of the National Council, daily Al-Sayassah reported yesterday. According to the daily, relevant departments at the Ministry of Information have completed a study pertaining to previous censorship that became effective on the same day of issuing the Amiri decree to dissolve the National Assembly in 1986. Reliable sources said that the Censorship Department at the Ministry of Information, which was asked to undertake the study within the framework of guidelines determined by the Minister of Information, Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, will present its findings to the minister within this week. Sources said that the study focused on different issues which had contributed to the issuance of the censor order. The ministry will undertake an analytical and comparative study between the findings of the censorship department and the law.

THE Central Bank of Kuwait currency rates against the Kuwaiti dinar on July 14, valued for July 17, 1990.			
Currency	Buying	Selling	
US dollar	290.030	290.087	
Sterling	521.450	523.600	
Deutsche mark	175.500	176.250	
Swiss franc	206.550	207.500	
French franc	553.300	553.550	
Italian lire	0002395	0002410	
Japanese yen	0019550	0019900	
Bahraini dinar	769.150	771.650	
UAE dirham	078.900	079.250	
Saudi riyal	077.300	077.600	
Qatari riyal	079.600	079.950	
Omani riyal	752.100	755.850	

Asian currency exchange rates against Kuwaiti dinar:			
Currency	KD	GOLD PRICES	KD
Indian Rs (1,000)	16.650	One kg. 999	3,415.000
Pak. Rs	13.350	One kg. 995	3,400.000
Sri Lankan Rs	7.750	22 kt. per gm.	3,550
Singapore dollar	160.250	21 kt. per gm.	3,500
Hong Kong dollar	37.450	18 kt. per gm.	3,450
Bangladesh taka	9.690	10 tola gold	399.500
Philippine peso	12.650	One ounce gold	112.000

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Sir John Richmond

First British envoy to Kuwait dies

By Diana Abou Haidar
Arab Times Staff

SIR John Richmond, last British Political Agent in Kuwait and first British ambassador to this country, died on July 6, announced the British embassy yesterday.

Sir Richmond was 81. A graduate of University College in London, he took part in various archaeological expeditions in the early '30s. He served with the British Army in the Middle East from 1939 to 1946, and worked at the Department of Antiquities in the Palestine government from 1946 to 1947. The Knight Commander of the Order of St Michael and St George, he was also counsellor to the British embassy in Amman, consul-general in Houston, Texas and counsellor for the British Property Commission in Cairo before he was appointed political agent to Kuwait in 1959.

providing moral support to the militants. Kashmiris believe separation is necessary because of a perception that their collective interests have been consistently ignored by successive Hindu-dominated administrations in New Delhi.

They also complain that India reneged on a promise to hold a plebiscite so Kashmiris could decide if they wanted to remain a part of India or join Pakistan.

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Cosby back to cinema

Leonard Part 6 still bothers

By Ivor Davis

COULD this be the summer of redemption for the wealthiest comic on television? Very possible. Entertainment mogul Bill Cosby is certainly yearning to duplicate his television success on the big screen.

But the king of the television ratings (his family comedy "The Cosby Show" has helped plant and keep NBC in the No. 1 network spot since the 1985-86 season) is still stinging from his embarrassing 1987 foray into film: the alleged comedy "Leonard Part 6." He was so up set by the picture that he went to the extraordinary length of telling his huge army of television fans to more or less skip the picture. They did and the film was quickly relegated to today's movie graveyard — the neighbourhood video store.

What particularly galled Cosby was that the film bombed at a time when everything else he touched was turning to gold — his series, books, live appearances, commercials. He was riding high both professionally and financially.

Not surprisingly, he survived "Leonard" and has now resurfaced in a fresh round of publicity to push his new film "Ghost Dad," which opened June 29. In it Cosby plays Elliot Hooper, a not-so-conscientious, overworked single father. Hooper is guilty of behaviour that Dr. Cliff Huxtable, America's first father of Cosby's hit series, wouldn't tolerate for an instant.

The movie has a few built-in safeguards that the infamous "Leonard" did not. For one, it is directed by Cosby's pal Sidney Poitier. And the original script was "Cosbyised" to fit the comedian's unique style. A solid supporting cast includes Denise Nicholas as Hooper's love interest and Kimberly Russell, Salim Grant and Brooke Fontaine as his kids.

Cosby's Hooper is a workaholic widower who neglects his three children and is tragically killed in a car crash. He returns home as an amiable apparition, a loveable, I-want-to-make-amends ghost, who is "reunited" with his children thanks to some clever special effects.

Cosby, who had been looking for the right comeback movie for some time, was all set to make another film in early 1989. But, unhappy with the script and not wanting to repeat the "Leonard" fiasco, he was about to turn his back on the big screen when his agent came up with a project written by Phil Alden Robinson ("Field of Dreams") that had been gathering dust on a shelf at Universal. It had one been earmarked for Steve Martin.

Rewrites were done, meetings were held and the film was retitled "Ghost Dad." Cosby gave it the green light when Poitier agreed to come on board. Cosby had great faith in the actor/director — the two have worked together on three previous movies, including "Uptown Saturday Night" (1974) and "A Piece of the Action" (1977).

Cosby was anxious to make the right kind of family picture, because things have changed so much since he started out in the business.

"Movies are absolutely different now. You can do a lot of violent things in films today that you couldn't back when I started out," he says. "Even as a comic it's a different world from the days when I had four comedy albums on the top-10 list. Now you can do racial stuff, stuff about homosexuals. You can go onstage and state your personal thoughts about people, religion and politics."

Of his warm relationship with Poitier, he wryly notes in that deadpan Cosby self-deprecating style: "I don't know whether it's good news or not to be working with Sidney. He thinks he's funny, so he acts out all the scenes and then tells me to do it the same way. Mind you, I did what he said the movie turned out to be funny. I guess he'll expect me to work with him again."

After six years as America's favourite father on his top-rated show, Cosby (the father of five) says he has no objections to playing dads on the screen: "I don't mind being in those roles as long as it's funny and entertaining. Listen, you have to be a father somewhere. This time it's great. I get to be out of body and fly around like Peter Pan. When I started the picture I called Mary Martin (the American actress who flew across stages for years as Peter Pan) and asked her for some pointers. She told me, 'Always trust the puller.'"

At 53, Cosby wants to shore up his movie identity as well as preserve the national image



Cosby... yearning to duplicate TV success on big screen.

that has turned him into America's cultural godfather. "The Cosby Show" has been a winner virtually since the week it came on the air in 1984. Syndication of the series has guaranteed him some \$250 million — in addition to his annual television income of \$10 million. Add that to his success from books, commercials, touring and comedy albums and, according to Forbes magazine in 1989, you get the third richest entertainer in America. Cosby earned \$95 million in the last two years — just behind Michael Jackson and Steven Spielberg.

Yet in more than 40 movies he has never had a big commercial or critical success. "Ghost Dad" faces stiff competition for teen box-office dollars from films such as "Dick Tracy," Tom Cruise's "Days of Thunder" and sequels such as "Die Hard 2" and "Another 48 hours."

In his spare time Cosby is hoping to produce another television sitcom, tentatively titled "The Road Back." It's about a couple who break up after almost 30 years of marriage. He is also involved in another more serious show called "Black Collar" about life in a coal-mining community in West Virginia.

His wife of 26 years, Camille, is involved in producing a film about the life of Winnie Mandela. In fact, the only dark cloud on the Cosby horizon has been his estrangement from his daughter Erin, 23. She was treated for alcohol and drug abuse and is trying to sort her life out after reportedly building up a \$200-a-day cocaine habit by age 19. Last October she told the National Enquirer, "I can't believe how Dad managed to go on with his show every week, portraying America's favourite father while secretly going through the agony of having a daughter like me causing so much pain."

Recently Cosby, who usually shuns talking about his family, reluctantly spoke about his wayward daughter, saying it was she who was suffering the pain. "One out of five of my children has a problem — and that one is getting the most attention," he said in an interview.

A disciplined, organised man, he says he knows a lot of talented, creative people who were destroyed by drugs.

Survival trait that most people have; knowing without knowing how you know

'You can tap into your intuition at will'

LOS ANGELES, July 14, (UPI): Laurie Nadel can navigate by internal radar, and she says, so can almost anyone else and intuition is a "survival trait that most people have."

In fact, "you can tap into your intuition at will," claims Nadel, a former reporter and now co-author, with Judy Haim and Robert Stempson, of "Sixth Sense," a whole-brain guide to intuition, hunches, gut feelings and their place in your everyday life. (Premiere Hall Press, \$18.95).

"A long time ago, I was driving in San Francisco to an interview and I realised I didn't have a map," the author said during a recent stop in Los Angeles. "I didn't know where I was, but I was able to navigate by inner radar, which was completely accurate. That made me curious. I wanted to know how it works."

"Sixth Sense" is a "book for sceptics," Nadel said. Unlike other books that focus on

the psychic component of intuition, Nadel and her co-authors focus on "the brain's inherent ability" to choose a proper course of action without a lot of hard facts.

Lots of people employ intuition in making decisions, and not all of them are at the racetrack.

CBS news anchor Dan Rather, who granted Nadel an interview, freely admits using hunches on the job, as do a lot of other reporters.

Former astronaut Edgar Mitchell and artificial heart inventor Robert Jarvik speak of times when they played hunches, and played them right. Film director Francis Ford Coppola follows his sixth sense as does Milwaukee Brewers manager Tom Trebelhorn. Nadel says there are many other business leaders and public notables who play their hunches, although they don't talk too much about it.

"Intuition is a survival trait that most

people have," Nadel said.

She recounts the story of a friend who was driving on the freeway when "he had a sense that a driver nearby was going to do something dangerous, even though no one was driving in an unusual way. In a few minutes, someone cut into traffic without signalling. He would have been hit if it weren't for intuition."

A lot of people have had similar experiences, she says.

So how does the intuitive process work? There are a lot of theories.

The one Nadel favours comes from Dr. Paul Maclean, chief of brain evolution and behaviour at the National Institute of Mental Health. He believes in the triune — or three-in-one — brain model, positing that humans have not one two-sided brain but three: The reptilian or primal brain, which creates patterns or routines; the limbic system, the origin of all emotions; and the

neocortex, also known as the right and left brains, which, respectively, control reason and creativity. He believes intuition is a function of the right neocortex and logic is in the left.

Based on that model, "Sixth Sense" provides a framework for using all three brains. To do so, Nadel says one must first accept that rational thought is not the only valid mental experience.

Intuitive powers can only be released by momentarily suspending rational thought, she says. The ideal is to reach a balance in which the individual can think both intuitively and rationally at the same time. "Becoming more intuitive is a process of learning to notice how you think and respond," Nadel said.

Intuition is not a myth. It's a real, trainable ability.

Women's intuition is not a myth, either, says Nadel. It's just misnamed.

BASEL, Switzerland: A Swiss woman was attacked and killed Friday after she climbed into a zoo enclosure with a female rhinoceros and its calf.

The woman reached the 8-year-old Indian rhinoceros and stroked it for several minutes, zoo officials said.

When the calf approached, the mother's protective instincts were apparently aroused, they said. The rhinoceros, weighing more than 1,500 kilograms (3,300 pounds), tried to crush the victim and spear her with its horn, officials said.

As the 22-year-old woman from the Basel region tried to escape, she was attacked a second time and fatally wounded, they said. (AP)

SMYRNA, Tennessee: A lawyer accused of spanking a client has pleaded guilty to misdemeanor assault charges and agreed to surrender his law licence for five years.

Smyrna attorney John Kersey was charged with assault Friday after a client accused him of spanking her May 25 at his office during a consultation for a divorce.

The 27-year-old woman told police that Kersey locked her in his office, quizzed her on multiplication tables and threatened to hit her if she missed a figure. She said he then ordered her to read a magazine, spanked her and made demeaning remarks. (AP)

STAMFORD, Connecticut: There's something magical about Friday the 13th for Margaret Dailey. She was married 21 years ago on the date and this year she was transformed into the new president of the Society of American Magicians.

Dailey becomes the society's magical matriarch, governing the group that has a 88-year history and once was led by the Master of Legerdemain, Harry Houdini. Nearly 1,000 amateur and professional magicians have gathered in this city to amaze, be amazed, surprise and be surprised. They aim to share and discover the latest in now-you-see-it and now-you-don't secrets. (AP)

LACONIA, New Hampshire: Employees of a grocery store are losing patience with the continuing escapades of a squirrel that has taken up residence amid the coffee cakes, doughnuts and hot dog rolls.

The critter has run up a \$25 tab over the last two weeks at the store in this rural northeastern state.

Employees took to shooting the squirrel outside, but it keeps coming back.

"It was a joke the first couple of times, but now he is beginning to be a problem," said store manager Dick Emery. (AP)

CHICAGO: The artists in a new kind of exhibition don't have to worry about their works getting damaged in transit — they just have to worry about getting a busy signal.

Co-sponsored by University of Illinois School of Art and the School of the Art Institute, the Faxart show features the work of their alumni and other artists world-wide and is entirely composed of work transmitted by facsimile machine.

"Artists love new toys, to experiment, to look for new visual results," said Karen Indeck, co-curator of Faxart. "Visual art is about images, and it's an incredible use of a new technology to create these images." (AP)

Wrap-up of case against Barry

WASHINGTON, July 14, (AP): The prosecution in Marian Barry's drug trial is nearing the end of its case and lawyers for the Washington mayor say they plan an extensive defence that could last nearly two weeks.

Ten to 15 witnesses will appear on Barry's behalf at his cocaine and perjury trial, defence attorney R. Kenneth Mundy said yesterday. He said the testimony is "going to be full of thrills and surprises."

Barry is charged with 10 counts of possessing cocaine, one count of conspiracy and three felony counts of lying to a judicial panel about drug use.

It's not been decided whether Barry will take the witness stand in his own defence, but the mayor "is champing at the bit" to testify, Mundy told reporters.

The government began presenting its case June 19 and is expected to finish Tuesday when the trial resumes. Its remaining witnesses are two friends of the mayor, Betty Smith and Doris Crenshaw.

US district judge Thomas Penfield Jackson said he anticipates the defence case could take the trial into the last full week of July.

A longtime friend of the mayor, Darrell Sabbs, said yesterday his recollections of the timing of cocaine use with the mayor were heavily influenced by the FBI and prosecutors.

Sabbs, who was reluctantly testifying for the prosecution, said he used cocaine with Barry five times between 1986 and 1989. But he said he has great difficulty remembering the years of the alleged use.

Sabbs said he was "under intense pressure by the government to testify."

Mundy suggested to Sabbs that he had been told by the FBI regarding certain details of his alleged cocaine use with the mayor, "it had to be this way."

Cesar Gaviria, the president-elect of Colombia, said in an interview in today's editions of the Washington Post that if Barry were not convicted, "a lot of damage" would be done to his embattled country's war on drug lords.

"We are on the front lines. We are losing so many lives, confronting terrorism and bombings, fighting the narco-traffickers," Gaviria told the newspaper.

Barry's press secretary, Larra Ruckley, said the mayor would have no comment on Gaviria's remarks.

W. German cops arrest for crack

FRANKFURT, West Germany, July 14, (Reuters): Police searched a West German "crack" factory during a two-month operation in which 135 people were arrested, US officials had said.

The US military's Criminal Investigation Division (CID) said a joint operation with West German police in the Frankfurt area resulted in the seizure of nearly \$4 million worth of illegal drugs.

"To our knowledge and that of the German police, it was the first time we have seen crack being produced here," said Aaron Foster, a CID agent in Frankfurt.

He said five people — one a US soldier — were arrested at the Frankfurt apartment where the cocaine-based drug was being produced.



Bastille Day

French music composer Jean-Michel Jarre (left) performs on Friday, during a rehearsal before the concert he gave for Bastille Day in Paris yesterday. Two million spectators attended the giant outdoor electronic sound and light show to celebrate the French National Day at a Gare d'Orsay. (Fayaz wignphoto)

New schizophrenia drug costs too high

PITTSBURGH, July 14, (AP): Mental health advocates are hailing a new drug for acute schizophrenia but criticizing its price tag — \$750 per month per patient.

The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill and participants in a week-long convention on psychiatric treatment want Sandoz Pharmaceuticals Corp. to explain why the drug, called Clozapine, is so expensive. They also urged state hospitals to buy more.

"We're hearing what sound like testimonials at church revivals on the effects of the drug," said J. Benedict Centifanti, deputy director of Pennsylvania Protection and Advocacy Inc., a support group for psychiatric patients. Clozapine reduces emotional disturbances and thought disorders in schizophrenics who haven't responded to

conventional treatment, said Sandoz, which introduced it in February.

"In some cases recovery is quite dramatic," said Barbara Gordon, research director for the Pennsylvania Office of Mental Health. "In others it's not so dramatic, but even they are showing improvement."

Unlike other drugs prescribed for schizophrenia, such as Thorazine and Prolixin, Clozapine doesn't cause involuntary facial tics known as tardive dyskinesia, a sometimes irreversible condition.

"When you take one of those drugs you are rolling the dice," said Dr. Janice Guidotti, who held a workshop Thursday at Duquesne University.

El Paso rapist indicted

EL PASO, Texas, July 14, (AP): A convicted rapist has been indicted on murder charges in the slayings of six young women and teenagers whose bodies were found in shallow, desert graves in the US Southwest.

David Leonard Wood, 33, was charged yesterday after new evidence was presented to a court investigating panel, said district attorney Steve Simmons.

Wood, who is serving a 50-year sentence for a 1987 rape, has filed a lawsuit saying investigators are using him as a scapegoat to counter criticism they did not move quickly enough in the case.

The decaying remains of the victims, ranging in age from 14 to 23, were found in shallow graves near each other in the desert, 18 miles (29 kilometres) northeast of El Paso between Sept 4, 1987, and March 14, 1988.

Some were runways or prostitutes. Police were criticised for not responding more quickly to reports of their disappearances.

"I'm sure if we felt earlier on that we were involved with a serial killing, police would have handled it differently," Simmons said.

39 officers hurt in Riker's jail brawl

19 inmates injured

NEW YORK, July 14, (AP): A group of inmates bent on avenging the knifing of their Muslim religious leader stormed a cell block at a New York City jail and 39 officers were injured trying to stop the fighting.

At least 19 of the 60 inmates involved in the brawl yesterday at Riker's Island jail were also injured, said Correction Department spokesman Ruby Ryles. Seventeen weapons were recovered in the cellblock hallway after the fight, he said.

Rikers Island is the maximum security jail in the city.

According to Ryles, the fight

stemmed from Thursday night's stabbing by inmate Rolando Gonzalez of Andrew Jackson, the elected imam, or spiritual leader, of the jail's Muslim population. Authorities said they didn't know what prompted the stabbing.

Forty-eight Muslim inmates were returning from church services around 3 pm yesterday when they passed Gonzalez's cellblock. Ryles said.

"They tried to crush the block and get their revenge on Gonzalez," he said. A dozen inmates in the hallway clashed with the Muslim prisoners.

Dartman ordered to undergo psychiatric checkup

NEW YORK, July 14, (AP): The man charged with blowing darts at women in skirts claimed innocence and said the real dartman came from an island where provocatively dressed women are tossed into volcanoes, a prosecutor says.

Jerome Wright, 33, was ordered to undergo psychiatric evaluation after police at a hearing disclosed the rambling, incoherent statement he made after being arrested for the attacks.

At least 55 women reported being attacked

in midtown Manhattan by a man who blew darts at their backsides. Not all the darts hit their mark, and none of the women were seriously hurt.

Wright was arraigned on two counts of criminal possession of a weapon; two counts of reckless endangerment; and two counts of harassment. He could face up to seven years in prison if convicted on all charges.

Wright told police the dartman could be from an island where they shoot darts at women "who wear provocative and inap-

propriate clothing." The women on this island, Wright said, without naming the island, sometimes are thrown into volcanoes.

Wright also told police that he'd experienced "a great deal of trouble with women in the past," including a girlfriend who dumped him five years ago, said assistant district attorney Thomas Shields yesterday.

Wright, a messenger and mail room clerk, made his comments to police after he voluntarily arrived at a police precinct for a lineup before dartman victims, Shields said.

32 mental patients die of starvation

Argentine Health Ministry shaken up

BUENOS AIRES, July 14, (AP): Top officials at the Health Ministry were replaced yesterday following reports last month that 32 patients at a women's insane asylum died of starvation, officials said.

On June 29, employees at Braulio Moyano Psychiatric Institute claimed 32 patients had recently died of hunger. Undersecretary for Health Matilde Menendez denied the allegations, but acknowledged conditions at the sprawling hospital were abominable.

She said that 28, not 32, patients died. They averaged 70 years old and most had been sick for a

long time and were virtually abandoned by their families, she said.

Budget cuts had led to severe shortages of staff, medicine, supplies and even food, Mrs Menendez said Thursday. "I had to ask for — not buy, ask for — food," from the Argentine Supermarket Chamber, she said.

Mrs Menendez blamed Health Minister Eduardo Bauza for the plight of patients at the asylum and 40 other psychiatric institutions, which hold 15,000 patients in all.

On Thursday, Mrs Menendez had refused to resign.

She was replaced yesterday.

"The minister can fire me if he wants," she reasoned Thursday. "That's within his authority. But it's also within his powers to have taken decisions to improve the health of Argentines, which he has not," she said.

Bauza yesterday swore in Daniel Perlutsky Cavanaghi to replace Mrs Menendez. He also swore in Claudia Bello to replace Undersecretary for Social Action Oscar Fappiano and designated Carlos Jose Serrano to replace Undersecretary for Administration Pedro Basualdo.

Chamorro call gets limited support

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, July 14, (AP): President Violeta Barrios de Chamorro received only limited support yesterday after she appealed for a dialogue to avoid further Sandinista-inspired labour unrest that crippled the country.

Five splinter centrist parties and a non-Sandinista labour federation declared they would take part in a national dialogue after meeting with Chamorro.

But both the leftist Sandinistas, now the country's largest opposition group, and the 14-party coalition that backed Chamorro when she mounted her presidential campaign did not say if they would support her call for negotiations.

The 10-day strike posed the most serious challenge yet to Chamorro's government. The Sandinistas, who were turned out of office on April 25 after Chamorro won February elections, controlled both the striking unions and the army and police she called in to end the strike.

Strikers were protesting, among other things, an austerity plan which includes firing many public employees hired by the Sandinistas. Nicaragua was economically devastated and its government all but ruined by the nine-year civil war between the leftist Sandinista government and the US supported Contra rebels and an accompanying US trade embargo.

In announcing the strike settlement Thursday, Chamorro called for wide-ranging negotiations to reach an accord between the government, the private sector and the Sandinistas.

The Sandinista-led strike was settled with an accord that grants hefty wage hikes to government workers, pledges no mass firings of public sector workers, and puts on hold key elements of the new administration's plan to return Nicaragua to a free-market economy.

The accord also calls for suspension of a decree to return land confiscated in the 1979 Sandinista revolution to the original owners.

Chamorro and her aides have said the settlement prevented more bloodshed and unrest, and made it possible for Nicaragua to get down to business.

But the business community and some leaders of the governing coalition have complained the settlement resulted in concessions that were a victory for the Sandinistas and a defeat for the administration's plan to restore a free-market economy.

In a joint statement yesterday, the leaders of the five small centrist parties declared their readiness to participate in the dialogue. The five parties — the Popular Social Christian, Social Christian, Revolution Unity Movement, Liberal for National Unification and Conservative Democratic — support Chamorro but are not members of the governing coalition.

The dialogue must serve to force the Sandinistas to commit themselves not to use violence again to obtain political and labour conquests," the party leaders said they told Chamorro.

"Equilibrium and social peace can only be achieved through unity and national identity," the statement said.

The Permanent Labour Congress, a federation of unions linked to Chamorro's coalition, also announced it would support her call for dialogue.

North testifies for sixth time

WASHINGTON, July 14, (AP): Former presidential aide Oliver L. North testified for the sixth time yesterday before the special federal grand jury that is continuing to investigate the Iran-Contra affair.

The retired marine lieutenant colonel, who is appealing his three convictions in the arms-for-hostages scandal dubbed Iran-Contra, has been questioned before the panel by prosecutors working for independent counsel Lawrence E. Walsh.

North co-ordinated a secret operation to ship arms to the Nicaraguan Contras after Congress banned US military aid when he served as a National Security Council aide.



Under the watchful eye of the Quebec police, Quebec Native Affairs Minister John Ciacia (centre) and two of his aides walk along a section of road between Mohawk and police blockades on his way to meet with Mohawk officials on Friday. The standoff over a land dispute is in its third day. (Reuters wirephoto)

Mohawks support grows

Negotiations continue

OKA, Canada, July 14, (AP): Mohawk Indians say Quebec province has offered concessions to end their armed confrontation with police. The dispute spread yesterday across Canada to British Columbia, where Indians blocked roads to show support.

Quebec's Native Affairs Minister, John Ciacia, arrived at the barricades in a chauffeur-driven limousine yesterday for the second day of talks behind Mohawk lines. He told reporters Thursday's talks ended on a positive note.

On Wednesday, an officer was killed in a gunbattle between Mohawks and provincial police arising from planned construction of a golf course addition on what Mohawks say is ancestral land. An investigation was to determine which side fired the fatal bullet.

The standoff and tight police security created problems on both sides.

After three days of living in a town under siege, residents grumbled that this community of 3,000 people was running out of supplies.

Mohawks complained that police restricted access to Indian territory and food, medicine and water were in short supply.

Access to Oka, a small town 18 miles (27 kilometres) west of Montreal, was so restricted that even a truck delivering morning papers was turned back.

US nuclear plant fire kills 1, injures 3

BRIDGMAN, Michigan, July 14, (AP): One worker dies and three others were injured yesterday in a fire at the DC Cook Nuclear Power Plant near here, Indiana Michigan power officials said.

The flash fire occurred in electrical equipment away from the nuclear reactor containment building, according to officials with the utility that operates the plant on Lake Michigan.

"As such, there is no danger of radioactive release and no danger to the public," Cook spokesman Eustace Smarrella said in a prepared statement.

Electrical production was unaffected by the fire which occurred at 1730 GMT, spokesman Wayne



Quebec Native Affairs Minister John Ciacia (left) and an aide are questioned by a masked Mohawk Indian on their arrival behind the Mohawk blockade for meeting with Mohawk officials on Friday. (Reuters wirephoto)

Hasty said from utility headquarters in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

The statement said the dead man, an outside contractor, was performing maintenance on electrical equipment in the second of two generating units at the plant. The man was killed when he apparently touched a circuit breaker to which power had not been shut off.

A second contract employee and two Indiana Michigan workers were injured in the flash fire triggered by the victim's contact with the equipment. All three were in critical condition yesterday.

US didn't act after knowing

Radiation releases in 1948

WASHINGTON, July 14, (AP): The government rejected secret advice to conduct cancer studies on people living near the Hanford nuclear weapons plant even though it knew as early as 1948 that radiation releases from the plant posed a serious threat, federal records show.

Records of the Atomic Energy Commission, a predecessor agency of the Energy Department, which owns Hanford and other nuclear bomb factories, also show that airborne emissions of radiation continued at Hanford at least until the mid-1950s. The government first acknowledged the problems publicly in 1986.

On Thursday, a panel of health experts disclosed that one in 20 residents surrounding Hanford in south-central Washington state between late 1944 and December 1947 absorbed a level of radiation equal to 1,200 times what the Energy Department now considers safe for people living near its weapons plants.

The panel of independent health specialists said the releases of radioactive iodine — a byproduct of extracting plutonium from uranium — were serious enough to justify a study of potential illnesses or deaths related to the emissions.

The release of the report marked the first time the government has publicly acknowledged that radiation releases from its nuclear arms factories could have harmed human health. Yet the government was made aware shortly after the Hanford plant began operating in 1944 that airborne contaminants posed serious health risks.

In a March 1948 report, the radiation health and safety chief at Hanford wrote that emissions of radioactive particles from the plant's plutonium-processing buildings "can produce radiation damage." It also said that "the theoretical possibility of injury developing 10 to 15 years from now poses a serious problem."

Many workers at Hanford were not told of the potential health hazards, according to Atomic Energy Commission records and interviews with former workers at the plant, which produced bomb-grade plutonium until its closing in 1988.

Records of a December 1948 meeting of the AEC's advisory committee for biology and medicine indicate that the manager of a nuclear weapons plant at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, recommended that workers leaving their employment at Hanford, and Oak Ridge be told if they exceeded radiation exposure limits.

The AEC committee rejected the recommendation. Instead it suggested that "a terminating employee should be advised at the exit interview as to the care that the AEC utilizes in protecting each employee," according to official records of that meeting.

The commission also turned down a recommendation by the biology and medicine advisory panel that possible links between cancer and Hanford workers' exposure to radiation be studied, the records show.

The AEC records were cited in a December 1989 report by the Democratic majority staff of the senate government affairs committee that recommended the energy department release more of its long-secret data on radiation releases at Hanford.

Gene Plock, who worked as an engineer at Hanford's plutonium-processing buildings from 1946 to 1950, said in an interview Friday that he and others in his work crew were told of the emissions problem in late 1946 — months after it was discovered by General Electric, which was running the plant under a federal contract. Plock said he and some other workers then began wearing protective masks.

Plock said he recommended that military guards outside the building also be required to wear protective masks, but GE rejected his suggestion.

"Their response was, 'no, let's not alarm them,'" he said.

Legally barred from suing the government, people whose health may have suffered because of huge radiation releases from Hanford nuclear reservation began considering other ways to get compensation.

Scientists on Friday were to start trying to determine just how much radiation people who lived downwind from Hanford were exposed to by releases of radiation into the air in the 1940s and into the Columbia River in the 1960s.

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"In his hatred and impotence



Firefighters work to contain a fire in a 750-foot section of a Metro Rail tunnel on Friday. Hours after the subterranean blaze broke out, a section collapsed 10 feet from the Hollywood Freeway, causing a closure of the freeway. (Reuters wirephoto)

Fire closes LA subway tunnel

Commuters caught in traffic

LOS ANGELES, July 14, (AP): A fire that continued to smolder early today turned a subway tunnel under construction into a flaming oven and collapsed a stretch near the Hollywood Freeway.

Six workers in the tunnel smelled smoke and escaped unharmed yesterday.

The metro rail subway project aimed at bringing underground mass transit to some of the nation's most congested streets was already plagued by delays and cost overruns before the fire brought it further behind schedule.

Up to three miles (5 kms) of the heavily travelled Hollywood Freeway looked like a parking lot last morning, when hundreds of thousands of commuters were caught in stalled traffic on their way to work.

Others alerted to the problem simply stayed home.

The fire collapsed a 100-foot (30-metre) stretch of tunnel within feet (metres) of where it passes under the freeway. About three miles of the highway was closed because of the fire and was to remain that way into next week.

The section of tunnel under the freeway was a charred core of twisted steel and burned timber, officials said.

The fire roared through the tunnel, fuelled by lumber and plastic sheeting that covered excavated earth, city fire spokesman Gary Svinder said.

Firefighters could not venture into the tunnel to battle the flames for more than 12 hours.

"Any time you're in a tunnel, you're basically in an oven," said Robert Ramirez, an assistant fire chief.

Dozens of firefighters were treated for heat exhaustion. The stubborn blaze smoldered early today, sending up a huge plume of white smoke.

The Hollywood Freeway is a stretch of US highway 101, which links northern California and downtown Los Angeles with its suburbs.

No commuters were hurt. The cause of the fire was under investigation.

The metro rail already was 18 months behind schedule. The \$1.3 billion, 4-mile (6.5-km) subway project was scheduled to open in 1993.

Travellers in LA get back on track

LOS ANGELES, July 14, (AP): This smoggy, traffic-choked city inaugurates a \$10 billion effort to wean itself off the automobile today when passengers are welcomed aboard new Metro Blue Line trains between downtown and Long Beach.

The 22-mile (35-kilometre) system, financed by a half-cent Los Angeles county sales tax approved by voters in 1980, actually is a reinvention of the old trolleys that covered the same route 90 years ago.

But those trolleys became obsolete by 1961 in a city that had become hopelessly hooked on cars.

Although sleeker and faster than its predecessor, the Blue Line could be sidetracked by a 1990s problem. Many neighbourhoods along the 22-stop route are now infested by violent street gangs.

The \$877 million line is the first part of a \$10 billion, 150-mile (241-kilometre) rail grid planned into the next century for Los Angeles, a city of 3,046,000 people ribboned by freeways so jammed the simplest commute can take an hour or more. The area generates some of the worst air pollution in the country.

Included in that system is the \$1.3 billion Metro Rail subway, which suffered a setback yesterday when fire ravaged a maintenance tunnel under construction. The first 4-mile (6.4-kilometre) segment was scheduled to open in 1993.

In order to spur public interest, the Blue Line will offer free introductory rides over the weekend. The regular fare will be \$1.10 one way.

While bus riders are sure to prefer the air-conditioned electric trains, which will glide on rubber tyres over nearly seamless rails at up to 44 mph (88 kph), getting southern Californians out of their automobiles is the real challenge.

"The key to success is how well we do in attracting the rider who has alternatives, who has some other way to get around other than public transit," said "Edward McSpedon" of the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission.

Ridership is projected at 5,000 to 7,000 a day.

"As far as organised gang activity, there hasn't been any. We have not had any of that kind of intelligence coming to us. Maybe they don't even know about it," said Los Angeles County Sheriff's Capt Frank Vadurro.

Vadurro is in charge of the 118-deputy force contracted to guard the Blue Line. Deputies will ride trains in uniform and undercover, but not every train will have a deputy.

An estimated 15,000 gang members live in a 2-mile (3.2-kilometre) wide strip along the rail line, 22 per cent of all gangsters in the county, Vadurro said. Since November, 300 arrests have already been made by the transit force for crimes such as narcotics, vandalism and theft.

Britain

High-rise fire, 1 dead, 2 hurt

SMETHWICK, England, July 14, (AP): A fire swept the top four floors of a 16-storey apartment block in this central city last night, killing a woman resident and injuring two firefighters, police said.

Firefighters on hydraulic ladders rescued eight people, and 80 others escaped down a fire-protected staircase. They spent the night at a nearby community centre.

West Midlands police said the cause of the fire was not immediately known.



French fires

A fireman wearing protective clothing turns away from the heat as wind-blown flames burn shrubs on July 10. Arsonists used tennis balls filled with petrol to start fires which ravaged 3,000 hectares (7,500 acres) of forest and coastline near the port city of Marseille. About 1,000 firefighters backed up by water-bomb aircraft brought most of the fires under control during the night. (Reuters wirephoto)

Castro criticises Bush for tying Soviet aid

Havana reiterates pledge of defending revolution and socialism

MEXICO CITY, July 14, (UPI): Cuban leader Fidel Castro lashed out at President Bush and reiterated he would continue to defend "revolution and socialism," the official Cuban news agency Prensa Latina said yesterday.

In a dispatch monitored in Mexico City, Prensa Latina said Castro criticised Bush for conditioning Western aid to the Soviet Union on Soviet reforms — including ending aid to Cuba

— at the recently concluded summit of the leaders of seven Western industrialised nations in Houston, Texas.

During the three days of talks in Houston, Bush pledged "technical assistance" for the Soviets and managed to dissuade European allies — especially West Germany and France — from pushing concerted economic aid to Moscow.

Bush contended that Soviet reforms must be in place before

such aid is rendered, including cuts in military spending and missiles and money sent to totalitarian regimes such as Cuba.

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with Cuba, (Bush) is demanding that the USSR cease economic co-operation that exists in both directions," Prensa Latina quoted Castro as saying.

Castro's communist Cuba is the closest ally of the Soviet Union in the Western Hemisphere. The sagging Cuban economy is heavily dependent on Soviet aid and subsidies, which amounts to between \$5 billion and \$6 billion a year.

Some analysts, however,

predict Soviet-Cuban ties may face some problems in the near future because of Castro's refusal to make Western-style democratic and economic reforms that have swept across the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

"We are talking about defending the revolution and socialism seriously, and we believe that we can defend it under any circumstance," Castro said, according to Prensa Latina.



President Fidel Castro

Bradford public library lends 'Satanic Verses' with warning

LONDON: In the public lending libraries of the northern English city of Bradford, all eight copies of a certain novel — for which there is a long waiting list of borrowers — carry an unusual sticker. It reads:

"This book is a work of the imagination. It does not claim to be a contribution to historical knowledge. Nevertheless, it has caused great offence to Muslims in our community. The library regrets this. However, in a free society the public library has an overriding duty to provide its readers with the books they may require in order to judge for themselves, subject only to the law of the land."

The book is, of course, Salman Rushdie's "The Satanic Verses." The sticker sets out the British secular belief in the rights of free

speech on one hand, and the Muslim religious belief that free speech can no longer be permitted when it comes to insulting Islam.

The sticker, put there by library authorities in response to pressure from Muslims, comes down on the side of free speech. Bradford is known by some British Muslims as "little Pakistan." In fact, the Muslim population there is no more than 14 per cent, expected to be 19 per cent by 2001. (In Britain as a whole the Muslim population is about 1.4 per cent). But it was here that Muslim indignation over "The Satanic Verses" was stirred to the point of public book-burning in January 1989.

Film of this incident is almost automatically trotted out on British TV every

time the Rushdie affair resurfaces in the news, as it did June 5 when Ayatollah Ali Khamenei of Iran reaffirmed the fatwa or death sentence on Rushdie — a simple call for "all zealous Muslims to execute" him "quickly" — first pronounced almost a year-and-a-half ago by his predecessor Ayatollah Khomeini. Rushdie remains in hiding, under police protection.

Talk to even the most anglicised, level-headed, college-educated British Muslims and you encounter a basic agreement with this death sentence. They may state it with impeccable calm. And they will probably add that they, of course, with due respect for United Kingdom law, are not planning to carry out the sentence. But they still consider it just. It

cannot be rescinded.

British Muslim opinion, if basically in agreement, is variously shaded on the issue, but the possibility of simple forgiveness of the author (or of his publishers who are also under the death threat) seems almost entirely out of the question. The shades of opinion extend from outspoken reiteration of Rushdie's alleged offence against Islam to continued legal attempts to enlarge the scope of Britain's law against blasphemy (applicable only to offences against Christianity as represented by the Church of England).

Some Muslims propose conciliatory attempts to persuade Rushdie to make concessions. "I want to see this problem resolved," says

Esham Al Essawy, chairman of "The Islamic Society for the Promotion of Religious Tolerance." He has proposed a "health warning" — "an erratum of historical errors and so on" — to be printed in the book, as a warning to readers.

A spokesman for Viking, the book's publisher, says that if Rushdie asked them to print a new introduction to the book, they would not object. But, says Dr Essawy, there is no evidence of Rushdie acting on the idea. Nor of taking up his offer to meet him, (with Essawy blindfolded if necessary), to talk over the issue. Rushdie's London agent, Gillon Aitken, who describes Essawy as "a man of complete good will," says that Essawy's self-

appointed efforts to mediate in the matter can be of no use.

Essawy says he strongly believes that the death threat goes against all that Islam stands for. All the Holy Quran asks, he says, is that believers should not sit with mockers and insulters of God's word until they talk about something else. If all Muslims were as gentle, Rushdie would have little to fear.

It is hard for Muslims to understand, Pasha says, why Christians haven't been as outraged as Muslims have. The Church of England has not protested, although the Archbishop of Canterbury has expressed carefully worded sympathy for people who feel their religious beliefs have been offended.

Fifty million done yearly

Global abortion

WASHINGTON, July 14, (AP): Some 50 million abortions, at least half of them illegal, are performed each year around the world. And at least 300,000 women die from the procedure, according to a study released today by the Worldwatch Institute.

Laws restricting abortion don't curb abortion rates, they only cause more deaths — most of them in the Third World, said the study by the independent research organisation.

The group is funded by UN organisations and private foundations.

The number of deaths could be far higher because many go unreported and accurate statistics in developing countries are often hard to find, the report said. A study from India, one of the most populous countries in the world, said 500,000 women die each year from complications arising from illegal abortions.

"A moral smokescreen effectively obscures the huge public health, human rights and social costs of restrictive abortion policies," said the study, which is entitled "The Global Politics of Abortion."

The best way to reduce the number of abortions and related deaths is to make abortion a legitimate component of family planning "instead of making it a crime," said the study's author, Jodi L. Jacobsen.

The rate of abortion has dropped fastest in countries where legalised abortion has been included as part of a voluntary family planning programme, the study said.

Denmark, France, Iceland, Italy and the Netherlands were among such countries cited by the study. Based on available data, abortion in those countries ranks fourth in the various types of birth control, after female sterilisation, intrauterine devices and oral contraceptives, the study said.

But in countries where contraception methods are inadequate — either because of supply, religious or informational reasons — abortion is the most popular means of birth control, the survey said.

The Soviet Union, for example, has some of the highest abortion rates in the world — 7 million or more — compared with a reported birthrate of 5 million in 1987, the study said. Experts agree the figure is largely due to the poor quality of contraceptives.

Japan's so-called developed world, abortion rates tend to be higher among teen-agers and women 20-24, who want to delay childbearing because they are unmarried or trying to complete their education, the report said.

Abortion rates in most developing countries are highest among married women with several children who have no means of preventing additional, unwanted pregnancies, according to the study.

In Latin America, abortion rates among women over 35 are twice those for women aged 20 to 34, the study found.

Most women live in countries where blanket bans on abortion have been eased. The study found that 75 per cent of the world's population is governed by laws that allow abortion on medical, social and economic grounds.

But one in four women in the world has little or no access to abortion facilities. She is likely to live in Africa, Latin America or Asia, where she also has least access to safe contraception, the study said.

In practice, though, some countries that ban abortions on the books don't enforce the prohibition. On the other hand, many countries that allow the procedure fail to provide safe and affordable facilities.

In India, for example, abortion became legal in 1971 but because licensed practitioners congregate mostly in urban areas, rural women have trouble getting them, the study said.

States to put all chems in mothball

WASHINGTON, July 14, (UPI): Defence Secretary Dick Cheney, following through on last month's Bush-Gorbachev agreement, is preparing to put all US chemical weapons production facilities in mothballs, defence officials said this week.

Cheney also has cancelled planned tests this fall of the nation's newest and most technically troubled chemical weapon, the Bigeye bomb, and is withdrawing the administration's request for \$140 million in 1991 for chemical weapons.

President Bush and Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev agreed at their Washington summit meeting last month to halt production of chemical weapons and to destroy all but 2 per cent of each country's existing stockpiles.

The agreement signed June 1 will go into effect after ratification by the US and Soviet legislatures.

As a result, Cheney cancelled planned testing for the Bigeye and told the military to prepare to mothball production facilities for the Bigeye and the army's 155-mm chemical artillery shell, defence officials said.

He also ordered that an army programme to develop a rocket-launched chemical warhead be limited to research only, defence officials said.

Pentagon spokesman Pete Williams also said the army temporarily halted tests at the new US chemical weapons destruction facility on Johnston atoll in the Pacific when "positive heading" of gas occurred in the plant's monitoring room.



Smile says it all

Captain Tim Lancaster who cheated death when the windscreens of his aircraft blew out, relaxes at home in Wantage, Berkshire, after being discharged from hospital.

Kinnock to meet Bush

'Proving political compatibility'

LONDON, July 14, (UPI): Neil Kinnock, the leader of the main opposition Labour Party, travels to the United States this weekend for a five-day visit aimed at proving his political compatibility with US President George Bush, officials said yesterday.

Labour officials said they hoped his Tuesday session with Bush would repair rifts that marked his last meeting with an American leader, a March 1987 visit to the White House that was bedevilled by his differences with President Ronald Reagan on nuclear disarmament.

The officials said Kinnock, who leaves for New York today, will speak with Bush about European unity, the future role of Nato, and the various international issues that dominated this week's economic summit in Houston.

"We cannot find any areas in which there is serious disagreement," one official said of the agenda.

"We will show that our views are close, if not identical to the administration views," he said. "It will please them because they may not find the same confluence of views with the UK government."



Neil Kinnock

Opinion polls show Kinnock leading Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher by ranges of 11 to 22 points, and his strengthened position and the very real possibility that he could win elections to be held before mid-1992 are expected to bring greater recognition from Washington.

Thatcher and Reagan enjoyed an undisputed "special relationship" but Anglo-American relations have taken on a more businesslike air under Bush, who has clearly recognised the emerging importance of Bonn and differs with Thatcher on several diplomatic stances.

British-Irish talks fail

LONDON, July 14, (Kuna): A UK government initiative aimed at breaking the political deadlock over the future of the troubled province of Northern Ireland appears to have failed, it was reported here today.

Six hours of top-level talks in London yesterday between UK Northern Ireland Secretary Peter Brooke and Irish Republic Foreign Minister Gerry Collins ended in stalemate.

It had been hoped that discussions between Northern Ireland's political parties would take

place in the autumn.

These were to have dealt with a new type of arrangement for governing the UK province that would replace the five-year-old Anglo-Irish agreement, which gave Dublin a significant say in the running of the province.

Problems centred on the nature and timing of Dublin's role in the negotiations, it was pointed out.

Brooke told the media here that if his initiative did not succeed, "we may take a rest first in order to see the way forward."

Inspectors can provide verification basis for an early ban on chemical arms

GENEVA, July 14, (UPI): Britain said this week that trial inspections at its facilities show that international inspectors could monitor a global ban on chemical weapons without having a licence to spy.

Results of the 2-year British programme show that challenge inspections can provide the verification basis for an early chemical weapons ban at the 40-nation disarmament conference, it said.

William Waldegrave, minister of state for foreign affairs, told the conference that Britain conducted six trial

inspections at highly sensitive nuclear development, manufacture and storage facilities.

"There is no United Kingdom site so sensitive from their national security viewpoint that we could not allow some form of access within the site, appropriately managed, to an international inspection team under the provisions on challenge inspection of a chemical weapons convention," he said.

"Managed and selective access" techniques, Waldegrave said, would let inspections verify that chemical

weapons are not being developed or manufactured without uncovering any commercial secrets.

"The inspection team have no automatic right to be told what actually goes on in any plant they visit," he said. "The inspectors role is limited to satisfying themselves that, whatever else may be produced or stored on the site, the provisions of the chemical weapons convention are not being violated."

Any state suspected of cheating could permit an inspection by challenge without fearing the disclosure of sites or

design details of sensitive non-chemical weapons, including nuclear arms.

Waldegrave said Britain believes the highly detailed technical paper on the results and conclusions of its verification trials now gives the disarmament forum a solid basis for a chemical arms agreement.

"In short, the results of our research so far indicate, as we say in English, 'You can have your cake and eat it,' he said.

Escobar network broken

Drug cartel nearing end

BOGOTA, July 14, (AP): The chief of Colombia's secret police claimed in an interview that the battle against the Medellin drug cartel is being won.

The official, Gen. Miguel Maza Marquez, also predicted the government will soon nab the cartel's reputed leader, Pablo Escobar, and said the cartel's terrorist network has been broken.

"The Medellin cartel's breathing room has been reduced, and we now see some slipping at the very top, specifically with respect to the Ochoa family," Maza said in an interview published in Bogota's El Tiempo newspaper yesterday.

The brothers Jorge Luis, Fabio and Juan David Ochoa have been considered Escobar's closest allies in running the cocaine empire. Maza said the brothers have abandoned Escobar.

The government has raised from \$400,000 to 600,000 the reward for information leading to the capture of the enormously wealthy Escobar.

About 2,000 soldiers and policemen are hunting for Escobar in the northeastern region known as Magdalena Medio, using helicopters and land patrols.

Earlier in the week, police said they had Escobar surrounded, but he escaped into the jungle. It was the third time in a year Escobar had evaded a police dragnet.

Since the operation began six days ago, soldiers and troops have seized some 8,500 pounds (3,800 kilograms) of dynamite, assault rifles, sophisticated radio equipment and documents belonging to the Medellin cartel, and about 31 cartel employees were arrested, Maza said.

Meanwhile, police in the cartel's

home base of Medellin yesterday discovered a truck in a public parking lot loaded with about 450 pounds (200 kilograms) of dynamite.

Security forces deactivated the explosives, according to a Medellin police report. The police said the truck had been parked there for about two weeks.

So far this year, five powerful car bombs have exploded in Medellin, killing at least 60 people. Officials blamed the drug traffickers.

In Washington, meanwhile, Colombia's president-elect Cesar Gaviria said the United States must curb its appetite for drugs before his nation can significantly stem illegal cocaine production.

Gaviria told reporters yesterday after meeting with President George Bush that "the demand for drugs is the engine of the trafficking problem. If the United States and the industrial countries don't get a way to reduce consumption, we will not solve the problem."

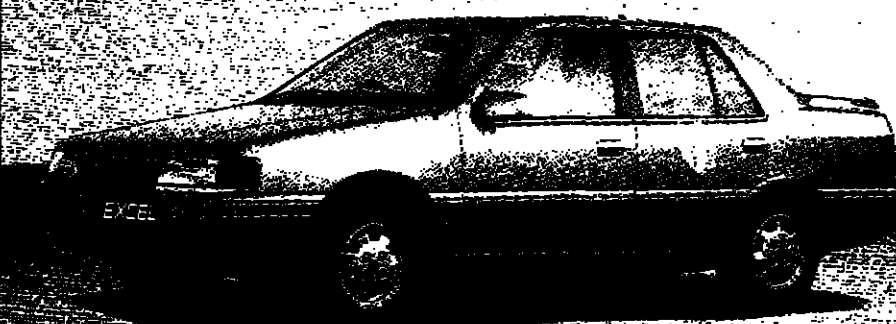
White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater said the two presidents had discussed a US proposal to provide \$80.5 million in drug-fighting assistance to Colombia.

The powerful Medellin cartel is in the final throes of life despite the failure so far to capture Escobar, authorities said yesterday.

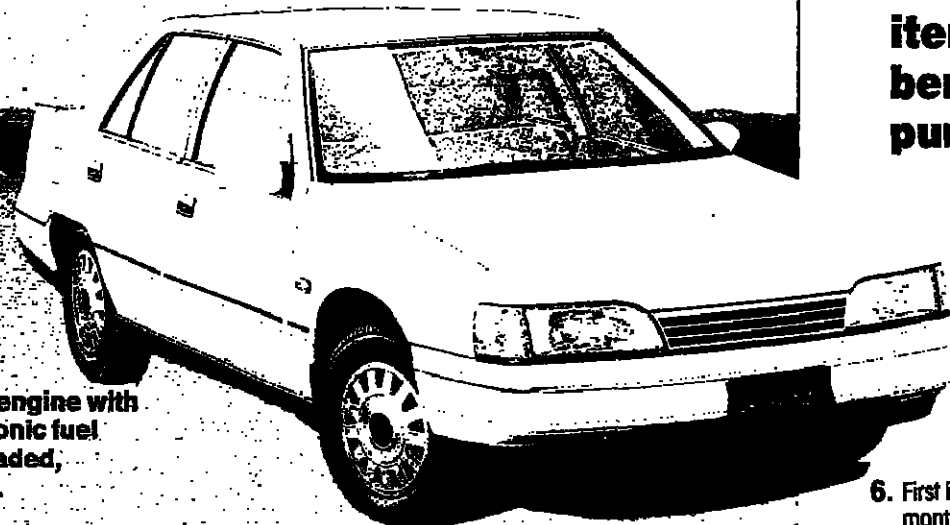
Police said a man believed to be the seventh most important figure in the cartel had been captured. Maza, head of the secret police, said the capture of members of Escobar's "general staff," and other successes in what has been dubbed "operation apocalypse" were bringing the cartel to its knees.

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Earth First talks now instead of violence

EUREKA, California, July 14. (AP) Perched high in a redwood tree, his head fixed squarely in the rifle-sight of a policeman below, Earth First activist Dan Johnson watched as a logger climbed toward him.

Then a strange thing happened. The logger stopped a few feet (metres) below Johnson and the two began to talk, about trees and jobs and spotted owls.

"Of course, I saw a lot of holes in his arguments, but he probably saw a lot in mine, too," Johnson recalled. "We had a really good talk, up there in the tree."

Talking? It's new ground for Earth First, whose militant approach to defending nature has angered authorities and embarrassed mainstream environmentalists for 10 years.

Earth First has put on a kinder, gentler face for "Redwood Summer," its campaign to halt logging in California's last unprotected groves of ancient redwoods. Pounding spikes into trees to make logging hazardous is out. Climbing trees, and refusing to leave when lumberjacks arrive, is in.

As Earth Firsters nation-wide gather for a ramp-up starting Monday at Montana's Beaverhead National Forest, organizers from California see the non-violent approach as a way of widening their group's appeal.

They hope to attract activists from around the nation and convince local timber workers that Earth First targets corporate bosses, not the rank-and-file.

But the change is more than just tactical. Stung by FBI investigations, death threats and a car bombing in May that injured two activists, many Earth Firsters are running scared of the violence stirred up by their own burn-the-builders brand of rhetoric.

Extreme

Any softening is relative, of course. Earth First, founded in 1980, still ranks as perhaps the nation's most extreme environmental group, with a famous contempt for authority and a prickly adherence to its credo, "no compromise in the defence of mother Earth."

In 1983, co-founder Dave Foreman was dragged 100 yards (metres) by an Oregon logger's truck when he lay down in front of it. Recently, Earth Firsters have chained themselves to tree-crushing machines in Texas, blocked logging roads in Washington, and occupied road-building equipment in Arizona.

This summer in northern California, more than 50 have been arrested for sitting in trees, blockading sawmills and picketing government offices to protest the cutting of old-growth redwoods.

Last year in Arizona, an 18-month FBI investigation ended with the arrests of three Earth First activists who allegedly cut through the leg of an electric transmission tower. The FBI claimed they were practising for an assault against nuclear facilities in California and Colorado.

Foreman also was arrested, on charges that he helped plan the scheme. All four have denied the charges; Foreman faces trial in September.

Earth First leaders insist the group does not condone property destruction.

"It's not Earth Firsters who monkey-wrench. It's individuals," said Darryl Cherney, one of the two activists injured May 24 in Oakland when a pipe bomb exploded in the back seat of their car. Cherney, 33, suffered a cut over one eye. Judi Bari, 40, suffered a broken pelvis and is still hospitalized.

Immediately after the explosion, authorities portrayed Cherney and Bari as inept bomb-makers transporting the device for some terrorist purpose. But charges have yet to be filed, and authorities said they now are looking into the possibility that the pair was a target of the blast.

Cherney said he and Bari had received more than 30 death threats since announcing plans for Redwood Summer in March. One letter, from "the stompers," claimed to be from disgruntled timber workers. It warned: "If you want to be a martyr, we will be happy to oblige."

But Foreman claims the FBI is not helping in fact want to discredit Earth First. He has obtained FBI wiretap transcripts in which an undercover agent tells other agents that Foreman's arrest would "send a message" to radical environmentalists. "That's all we're really doing," the agent said, then noticed his microphone was on and added, "we don't need that on tape. Hoo boy."

The Mountain States Legal Foundation, a conservative law firm that believes the news media have glamorized the group's actions, runs a telephone hotline for people to call to report "environmental sabotage and terrorism."

'Eco-mark' theme of Japan's summer gift season

'Gifts generous to the Earth,' says a sign in a forest of shelves

TOKYO, July 14. (AP) The Theme of this summer's gift-giving season in Japan is not glamour or luxury but ecology.

"Gifts generous to the Earth," says a sign in a forest of shelves in the Takashimaya department store in Tokyo.

July is when the Japanese shop for gifts for parents, teachers, the boss and clients, and this year it is clear that concern for the environment will show in many presents, large and small.

Takashimaya, Japan's oldest department store, displayed ecologically sound items ranging from 100-per cent-pulp kitchen sponges at 100 yen (66 cents) to recycled-paper stationery sets at 3,000 yen (\$20).

Some of the items have eco-mark stickers, showing the products were judged pollution-free by the governmental Japan Environment Association.

The Mitsukoshi Ltd., chain of department stores trumpets the theme of "the beautiful Earth" and features eco-mark goods in its midsummer gift campaign, which it hopes will yield sales of 14 million yen (\$93 millions).

Brochures at Mitsukoshi's Ginza branch suggest consumers buy more eco-mark goods.

"We are not expecting any immediate feedback from our campaign, but we should continue to introduce such products," says Kiyoshi Hasegawa, Mitsukoshi spokesman. "What we stores can do is to provide consumers opportunities to think about the environment."

Japan also has seen the recent introduction of a less-polluting beer can — no throw-away pull tab — and a mutual fund based on environmental concerns.

Nomura Securities Co., Japan's biggest stock-

broking company, recently introduced its Earth Environment Fund, with stocks of companies related to environmental products.

Environmentalists say companies are using ecology themes to improve their images, but welcomed the moves as helping to raise public awareness.

"Consumers should realise they can somehow live without harming the environment," says Kyoko Kato, a spokeswoman for the Japan Environment Association. "The current situation should be the other way around. Consumers should be the one taking the initiative."

Since the association started issuing the eco-mark last year, it has approved 13 items in 22 categories as ecologically sound. But it has no scientific criteria to measure a product's impact on the environment.

Yoko Tomiyama, acting director of the Japan Consumer Union, said she felt a better service would be to identify products that are harmful to the environment.

Unless the safety of eco-marked products is guaranteed, it's just nonsense to introduce easy alternatives," Mr. Tomiyama said. "But many people just don't care."

Shoppers weren't paying much attention to the 100-per cent-pulp kitchen sponges or plastic trash bags said to release no toxic gases when plastic. But retailers said that items promoted on pro-Earth themes, such as globes and telescopes, were selling well.

If consumers were sending a mixed signal, many Japanese companies have come to feel obliged to show a positive response to environmental concerns.

S. Korea broadcast workers walk-out

SEOUL, July 14. (AP) Thousands of broadcast workers defied a government warning and walked off their jobs today to protest Parliament's passage of bills aimed at transforming South Korea's broadcast industry.

About 70 opposition lawmakers staged a sit-down protest at the National Assembly hall after the government-sponsored bills were passed in a turbulent session marked by pushing, shoving and shouts of angry opposition lawmakers.

Opponents claim the bills are aimed to strengthen the government's grip on broadcasting prior to national elections in 1991. They say the bills will effectively allow the government to control ownership and censor programming.

Government officials denied any political motivation, saying the monopolised broadcast industry must be reorganised to introduce fresh programming, private satellite and cable television.

Some opposition legislators demanded that all opposition lawmakers resign. Dissidents urged a unified civil campaign to topple the government of President Roh Tae-Woo.

Broadcast network workers responded with a general strike, but the government warned it would not "sit idly by."

Dissolve

In a joint statement, broadcast network unions urged a civil campaign to dissolve the legislature and the ruling party. "The assembly must be dissolved immediately because it lost the right to exist," it said.

More than 6,000 union workers at the nation's all radio and television stations walked off their jobs to protest the passage of the bills.

Hundreds of riot police were deployed outside KBS, the largest state-run network. In April, riot police stormed the network to end a strike by its 5,000 union workers.

News and other programmes at the nation's four networks were shortened, cancelled, or replaced with old tapes. "Block broadcast control," read a huge placard at the Munhwa Broadcast Corp. where 1,000 union workers were on strike.

Workers also left their jobs at the smaller Christian Broadcast Service Network and the Pyonghwa Broadcasting Company, a Catholic organisation.

"The government will not sit idly by if the current situation grows worse and is thought to have a bad effect on the nation," said Information Minister Choe Byung-Yul.

Choe accused network unions of staging "unjustifiable political protests" to protect their own interests.

Five legislators of the splinter opposition Democratic Party said today they would join four colleagues in tendering resignations to the 299-member parliament.

Shortly after opposition lawmakers blocked the speaker from entering assembly doors, vice speaker Kim Jae-Kwang, surrounded by about 40 ruling legislators rushed to the front of the speaker's podium, pulled out a list of 26 bills and in about 3 seconds read through the bills for passage.

Drowning out

"Is there any opposition?" said Kim. "No," shouted ruling party lawmakers, drowning out the opposition, and effectively passing the legislation.

Many lawmakers ran across tops of desks shouting "fraud." Other opposition members pushed, shoved and scuffled with ruling party lawmakers.

In a statement, the main opposition Party for Peace and Democracy pledged to "fight with the people to crush an attempt by the (ruling) Democratic Liberal Party to perpetuate power."

Roh's opponents said the government has been seeking constitutional and political changes to prolong power since the January merger of the ruling party with two minor opposition groups.

Many Koreans eager for more choice in programmes watch Japanese satellite and American military television. The government views both as cultural erosion.

South Korean media came under strict government control in 1980, when disgraced former President Chun Doo-Hwan closed private networks and placed virtually all radio and television under state management.

Roh succeeded Chun in 1988 and has introduced press freedom and other reforms. Networks have aired news reports critical of the government.

Manila rebels deny bombing

Communists release two Filipinos, agree to free Swanson and Mizuno

MANILA, July 14. (AP) Renegade soldiers suspected in a series of bomb explosions in the Manila area were not involved, a man who described himself as the group spokesman claimed today.

A man identifying himself as "258" said in a statement distributed to news agencies that the bombings were "an orchestrated effort" by the government to discredit the underground Reform the Armed Forces Movement.

The explosions yesterday damaged cars and buildings but caused no injuries.

Authorities suspect military dissidents were responsible for the bombings, and an anonymous RAM spokesman was quoted yesterday by a private television station as claiming responsibility.

The dissident military group led the February 1986 revolt against the late President Ferdinand Marcos, which triggered the uprising that propelled President Corason Aquino to power.

Later, the group turned against Aquino, accusing her government of widespread corruption and inefficiency.

Call for talks on regional security

MANILA, July 14. (AP) The Philippines will raise regional security issues during this month's meeting of Southeast Asian nations as Manila decides the future of US military bases here, diplomats said today.

Foreign ministers of the six-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations meet July 23 in Jakarta, Indonesia. US Secretary of State James A. Baker III travels to Indonesia on July 27 for talks with delegates.

Yesterday, Philippine Foreign Secretary Raul Manglapus told Southeast Asian ambassadors that he will raise regional security issues during the Jakarta meeting. The association includes the Philippines, Singapore, Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia and Brunei.

Indonesian Ambassador Soewarno Hadjosodarmo said Manglapus indicated that he wanted to talk about regional security "candidly" with his counterparts.

"He just made an appeal: 'Let's talk together,'" the ambassador said today. "He would like to talk about it during the Asean ministerial meeting," the Indonesian envoy said.

The Philippines hosts six US military bases under an agreement which expires in September 1991. US and Philippine negotiators resume talks next month on extending the agreement.

But opposition to the bases is growing in the Philippines. Any agreement must be ratified by two-thirds of the 23-member Senate, where opposition is strong.

Diplomatic sources said the Philippines would like a clearcut endorsement off the bases from fellow Southeast Asian Nations to give it political leverage domestically if it decides to extend the agreement.

Officially, Asean opposes foreign military forces in the region. Privately, most believe the bases contribute to regional security.

"Perhaps it is time to take seriously that question of regional security," Manglapus told correspondents. "I am talking about the sense of sitting down and talking about the security of the region."

Manglapus noted that of the five other Asean members, only Singapore has openly expressed support for keeping the bases in the Philippines. He said Malaysia, Thailand and Indonesian officials favour the bases privately but "not officially and certainly not as concretely as Singapore has."

The United States and Singapore are negotiating US use of air and naval facilities in Singapore. US officials say the facilities would supplement but not replace those here.



Dance of the falcon

Young Mongolian wrestlers dressed in traditional costumes perform the dance of the falcon before competition in Ulan Bator. (Reuter wirephoto)

Hubble flaw was avoidable

Error in manufacturing

WASHINGTON, July 14. (AP) US space agency officials said yesterday that the flaw that gives the Hubble space telescope a fuzzy view of the universe could have been detected in simple, low-cost tests that were not performed.

Lennard Fisk, chief scientist for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, said the prescription error in the two main mirrors of the \$1.5 billion Hubble is so precise that it must have happened during manufacturing.

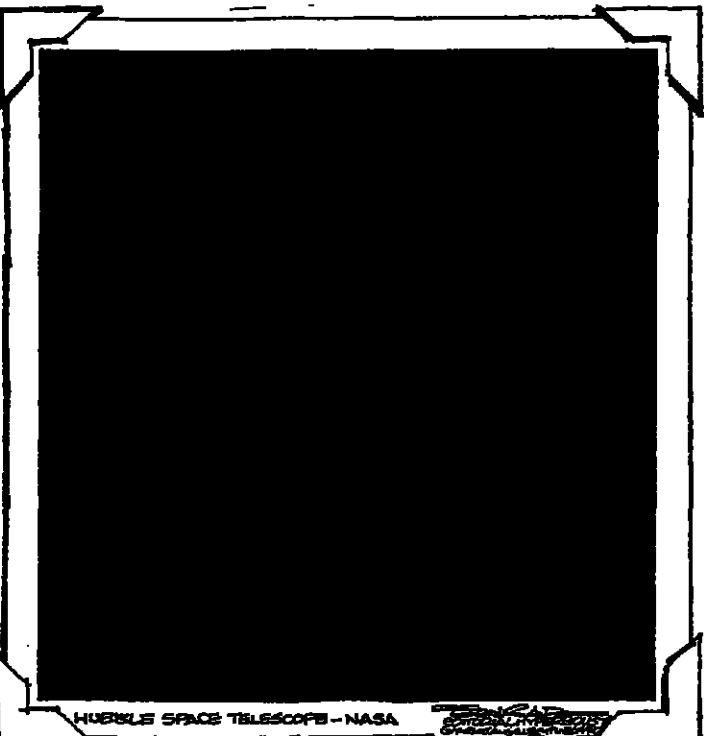
The error, he said, could have been detected and corrected while the mirrors were being made or after they were assembled into a telescope.

"The error is very large; therefore, some simple, low-cost, no-risk test that could have been done could have detected the flaw," Fisk said in testimony before the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology.

Asked why the test was not performed, he said, "we're asking those same questions." Nasa officials said earlier that tests to detect the focusing flaw that has disabled Hubble would have cost up to \$300 million and required construction of a special facility.

But Fisk said yesterday that such a facility would only have been needed for a test of the fully assembled telescope, but that other, cheaper tests could have been done.

"You could have performed tests on the mirrors individually



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that could have detected this flaw," he said.

Failure to conduct such tests, said Fisk, "was a technical decision, and not a financial decision."

Hubble was built in the early 1980s and launched on April 25 of this year. It had been in orbit more than two months when

engineers discovered a flaw in either the 94-inch (239-centimetre) primary mirror or the 12-inch (30-centimetre) secondary mirror that collect and concentrate starlight.

The lack of focus has cut the telescope's research capability in half, according to most estimates.

US astronomers get by with a little help from their friends: amateur stargazers

BOSTON, July 14. (AP) In an era of trouble with sputtering shuttles and a malfunctioning space telescope, astronomers get by with a little help from their friends: Amateur stargazers who sometimes find bright lights the professionals miss.

While most major discoveries in the universe are made by astronomers using jumbo telescopes, hobbyists sometimes come through.

"The big telescopes are expensive and overbooked by the professionals," says Russell Genet, an air force engineer and astronomy enthusiast who lives in Mesa, Arizona.

"With your own home telescope, the equipment is yours. The amateurs almost have an advantage over the professionals," he said.

Genet was one of about 700 members of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific, the nation's largest popular astronomy group, who gathered yesterday for a six-day conference at Boston University.

The conventioners, professional and amateur alike, came equipped with calculators and slide rules, ready for speeches with titles like "the birth of binary stars" and "astrophotography made easy."

Andrew Fraknoi, executive director of the San Francisco-based group, says it has been a mix of scientists and enthusiasts right from the start.

In 1889, thousands flocked to the west coast where a solar eclipse was visible. There were only three astronomers in California at the time, so they enlisted the aid of amateur stargazers to help track the event and explain it to the spellbound crowds.

The astronomical society was formed from the coalition.

Those may now seem like the good old days. In the 1990s astronomers must fight for money, telescope

time and, with Nasa's recent embarrassing setbacks, respectability.

The Hubble space-based telescope has not produced clear images because of flaws in one of its massive mirrors. Nasa's entire space shuttle fleet is grounded because of persistent leaks from hydrogen fuel tanks.

Frank Drake, an astronomer at the University of California, Santa Cruz who led the first radio search for extraterrestrial life in the 1960s, recently had his proposal for a continued search ridiculed in Congress.

'Carlos used Romania as base' 'East Germans interested in terrorism'

BUDAPEST, Hungary, July 14, (AP): The international terrorist Carlos, in film shot 10 years ago and broadcast by state television yesterday, spoke of East Germany's former communist government as wanting a key role in terrorism.

The footage, shot secretly in 1980 during a meeting with Hungarian state police agents, recorded Carlos as saying that not only Hungary and East Germany but also Romania had served as a base for his activities before communism's overthrow.

The film was part of the weekly Panorama news magazine. Its moderator said Carlos also spent time in Czechoslovakia.

The film was the latest in a series of revelations on the Moscow-educated terrorist, also known as "The Jackal," and his activities from within former Soviet bloc countries.

East German officials recently announced that Carlos had found safe haven in their country under the communist government toppled late last year.

State television a week ago showed what it termed the first film footage of Carlos, depicting intelligence agents trying to convince him to leave Hungary. Friday's segments were from the same meeting.

First reports that he had been welcome in Hungary surfaced June 27. Interior Minister Balazs Horvath said then that former Communist Party officials allegedly provided shelter and training facilities for Carlos, whose real name is Ilich Ramirez Sanchez.

"The Stasi have shown increased interest in our group," Carlos told two Hungarian intelligence agents in the film aired Friday, using the German acronym for East Ger-

many's former secret police. "The East Germans want to run the International Revolutionary Terrorist Movement."

Carlos spoke English and the two officers Hungarian. The film was subtitled because of poor acoustic quality, but enough was understandable to determine the accuracy of the subtitles.

Told through an interpreter that Hungarian authorities were displeased that he was amassing an arms stockpile in Budapest, Carlos replied, "This is only 1-1/2 tons. I had 10 tons in Romania."

The host of the Panorama, the weekly news magazine excerpting the film said that Carlos apparently again went to Romania after leaving Hungary in 1985, then called from his Hungarian contacts from Prague a year later asking to return to Budapest.

US knew of Libya plan to hit disco

HAMBURG, West Germany, July 14, (AP): American authorities had advance warning that Libya was planning a terrorist attack before the 1986 bombing of a West Berlin discotheque that prompted the US air raid on Libya, a newsmagazine reported today.

Der Spiegel magazine said the US government learned that Libya was planning an attack after at least one CIA agent infiltrated the group preparing the bombing.

The bombing on April 5, 1986 killed two American soldiers and a Turkish woman and injured more than 200 people in West Berlin's La Belle discotheque, which had been popular with US servicemen.

The US retaliated by raiding the Libyan cities of Benghazi and Tripoli and bombing the heavily guarded compound of Libyan leader Col. Moammar Gadhafi.

Spiegel said the flow of information from the informant stopped several days before the La Belle bombing, possibly explaining why the attack on the discotheque was not prevented.

The magazine said it based its report on documents from the former East German Ministry for State Security, commonly known as Stasi, and former East German agents that showed the attack was planned by the Libyans and that the Americans had some advance information. It said the documents showed how closely the now-disbanded Stasi worked with Libyan terrorists.

The group that planned the La Belle attack was composed mostly of employees of the Libyan embassy in East Berlin, the magazine said.

Spiegel provided excerpts of the report to other news media today in advance of its publication on Monday.

The US embassy in Bonn said it could not comment on the magazine's report and referred all questions to Washington.

Spiegel said the CIA informant was apparently a double agent who also worked for the Stasi and carried the code name "Alba."

The agent provided information on the transport of weapons and explosives and on the possible targets of the attack, Spiegel said.

Japan lodges protest

TOKYO, July 14, (UPI): The Soviet Union yesterday sent 169 Japanese fishermen caught poaching salmon in Soviet waters to North Korea, many against their will and against the request of the Japanese government, Japanese officials said.

Japan, which had requested its citizens be allowed to return directly to Japan amid fear the fishermen might be imprisoned in North Korea, immediately protested to the Soviets. North Korea, for its part, promised to send the crew back to Japan promptly.

The Soviet move comes on the heels of Japan's refusal at the Houston economic summit to back a West German and French plan to give \$15 billion in aid to the Soviet Union.

In late May, Soviet officials seized 12 ships sailing under the North Korean flag for poaching salmon off the Soviet Union's far east coast. A Japanese company had leased the ships and their crews to North Korea, and the vessels were controlled by North Koreans.

Under fire from all parties

Ridley quits over row



Nicholas Ridley leaves the ministry of International Economic Relations in Budapest after talks with Hungarian officials. (Reuters wirephoto)



Four-year-old Masiela Lusho, on board a special flight to Budapest shows her emigration papers issued by the Albanian authorities. (Reuters wirephoto)

LONDON, July 14, (Agencies): A British minister resigned from the cabinet today, two days after publication of his scathing remarks about Germany and the common market.

Nicholas Ridley had been under fire from all parties and little supported by the prime minister.

Ridley submitted his resignation this evening after consulting earlier in the day with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, according to Press Association.

A spokeswoman for the prime minister's office confirmed that Ridley had resigned, and said a statement was being prepared.

Ridley, a member of the cabinet since 1983, was one of Thatcher's closest allies and an architect of her programmes to sell off government-owned industries.

Although some of his Conservative Party colleagues had called for Ridley's resignation, others urged him to stay on, saying they agreed with his sentiments though not with his choice of words.

In an interview published in the Spectator magazine, Ridley denounced European Monetary Union as "a German racket designed to take over the whole of Europe."

He accused the French government of being obedient "poodles" of the Germans, and said he would rather hand over sovereignty to Adolf Hitler's Germany than to the European Commission.

"If Mr Ridley won't resign and Mrs Thatcher won't sack him, the only conclusion that can be drawn is that no matter what the prime minister says publicly, privately she endorses Mr Ridley in full," Labour Party leader Neil Kinnock said today.

A poll to be published in the Sunday Times found that 48 per cent of the respondents thought Ridley should resign, while 40 per cent thought he should stay.

The poll of 606 adults, conducted yesterday, found that 59 per cent rejected the notion that the European Monetary System was a "German racket," and an identical number expressed support for German unification.

Asked whether they thought a United Germany posed a threat to peace in Europe, 62 per cent said no, 30 per cent said yes and 8 per cent had no opinion.

Meanwhile, UK Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd last night attempted to repair some of the damage caused by Ridley's remarks.

Addressing an international gathering in Oxfordshire, southern England, Hurd said that the value of Britain's friendship with France and Germany lay at the heart of modern British foreign policy.

20,000 march against Iliescu

Release of jailed activist demanded

BUCHAREST, July 14, (AP): Some 20,000 demonstrators marched yesterday to demand the release of a jailed activist who had been savagely beaten by vigilante miners loyal to President Ion Iliescu.

Shortly after the orderly demonstration, Iliescu went on state television to appeal for national trust and criticised those who seek to teach Romania "lessons of democracy."

The march was among the largest street gatherings in Bucharest since the December revolution overthrew communist dictator Nicolae Ceausescu.

Iliescu implored Romanians to "do away with the atmosphere of suspicion" and called on the police to crack down on corrupt bureaucrats and black marketers, whom he blamed for the shortages currently plaguing the country.

Demonstrators marched on the government building in Victory Square and demanded the release of jailed student leader Marian Munteanu. They shouted anti-Iliescu slogans and carried signs equating Iliescu's National Salvation Front with the defunct Romanian Communist Party.

Munteanu was a leader of the 53-day opposition rally that blocked central Bucharest until June 13, when police tried to put it down. The resulting violence killed at least six people.

Munteanu was badly beaten by pro-government miners whom Iliescu urged to come to the capital to impose order. The miners subsequently terrorised the capital, and Munteanu was arrested in connection with the anti-government violence several days later while he was still hospitalised.

Iliescu, a former communist official, won free elections in May but opponents demanded he step down because of his past.

He was harshly criticised by the world community for the miners' rampage, and the United States and other nations cut off all non-humanitarian aid to Romania.

Khin Nyunt, secretary of the ruling junta and chief of military intelligence, broadcast yesterday, indicated there would be no transfer of power and no release of Aung San Suu Kyi.

Khin Nyunt said the 44-year-old Aung San Suu Kyi, the leader of the National League for Democracy which swept the May 27 elections, was already being treated leniently because she was under house arrest instead of being imprisoned like many other political leaders.

He rejected calls from foreign governments for her release and warned the elected legislature that the military would not tolerate any attempt to set up a government without military approval.

Tough junta line may trigger violence, say Burma dissidents

CHIENG MAI, Thailand, July 14, (UPI): Burmese dissident leaders said today that a tough policy outlined by the military intelligence chief showed the military junta would not yield power peacefully to the newly elected legislature.

"This hardline policy is frustrating the people and now it means that anything could happen," said Tin Maung Win, the general-secretary of the Democratic Alliance of Burma, a coalition of ethnic insurgents, dissident students and exiled politicians. He spoke at a secret location in the northern Thai province of Chiang Mai which borders Burma.

The alliance leader said the speech by Brig. Gen.

"In the history of Burmese politics I have never heard a leader deliver a speech like this. He sounded like a gangster bullying the people," said Aye Saung, secretary of the alliance he said the elected legislators would have difficulty drawing up a constitution while under the control of the military government.

"Now the people know once and for all that there will be no smooth transfer of power and will use all means possible to overthrow the military regime — including violence," he said.

The alliance includes several armed insurgent groups fighting the military, but they have lost ground in the past year.

Ryzhkov excluded from new politburo

Shake-up at Soviet defence ministry

MOSCOW, July 14, (UPI): The Communist Party's new Central Committee today chose a politburo dominated by the party leaders of the Soviet Union's 15 republics and excluding Premier Nikolai Ryzhkov and other senior government officials.

The new 24-person politburo also includes the first woman ever to be a full member of the party's ruling body, Galina Semenova, editor of a popular magazine about the lives of peasants.

The central committee met after the end of a nearly two-week party congress that Mikhail Gorbachev declared a success Friday evening, despite the defections from the party of Boris Yeltsin and the popular

mayors of Moscow and Leningrad.

"The new composition of the politburo underscores that the party has fully broken with former practice, when it was organically built into the command-and-administrative system and was on top of the hierarchy," Ivan Frolov, editor of the party's official Pravda newspaper, told reporters following the Central Committee plenum.

The complete overhaul of the party's ruling body, authorised at the 28th Communist Party Congress, shifts power from Moscow out to the vast country's farflung republics — and from the party to emerging structures of government.



Soviet Communist Party leaders stand at attention as they sing 'The Internationale' at the end of the party Congress. (Reuters wirephoto)



Shevardnadze shakes hands with Nato secretary-general Manfred Woerner (picture left) and Woerner meets with Gorbachev at the Kremlin palace (right) yesterday. (Reuters wirephotos)

Kohl for Moscow to calm Soviets

BONN, July 14, (UPI): West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl left Bonn this evening for a two day trip to the Soviet Union largely aimed at easing Soviet fears of German unification.

Kohl will not be able to offer direct economic aid, having failed to squeeze out at the aid package he sought for the Soviet Union at the world economic summit in Houston last week.

But government officials in Bonn believe his tough lobbying in favour of the package will earn him a warm welcome from Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

The officials have even started talking of "personal chemistry" between the two leaders — an expression virtually never used in the past by members of the conservative-led government in Bonn.

Kohl, eager to get full Soviet backing for German unification, is likely to discuss with Gorbachev the possibility of future aid. Among the items on the agenda for discussion by Kohl and Gorbachev is the question of future bilateral relations between the Soviet Union and a united Germany.

"This will also include direct aid for about two million Germans in the Soviet Union," West German government spokesman Hans Klein said.

The Bonn government already announced recently that it is guaranteeing a five billion deutsche mark (\$3.03 billion) loan to the Soviet Union from West German commercial banks.

Kohl and Gorbachev are due to hold at least some of their talks in Gorbachev's home region.

Nato extends hand to USSR

Woerner in Moscow

MOSCOW, July 14, (UPI): Visiting Nato chief Manfred Woerner told Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze today that he had come to Moscow "to extend a hand of co-operation."

Woerner, the first Nato Secretary-General to pay an official visit to the Soviet Union, arrived a week after the Western alliance at a London meeting issued a landmark document overhauling its military strategy to adapt to changing European realities and assure Moscow that the West is not a threat.

Woerner brought a copy of the "London declaration" to Moscow, which he was to give to President Mikhail Gorbachev along with an invitation to address Nato leaders at its headquarters in Brussels, said the official Tass news agency.

Shevardnadze, who toured the Nato base in December during a trip to Brussels, told Woerner at a lunch in his honour that the just-completed 28th Communist Party congress had confirmed the Soviets' determination to proceed with radical democratisation.

"Much will depend on the transformation of the Nato and Warsaw Pact military structures into political ones, and on fostering mutual understanding and trust between them," Shevardnadze said.

In a reply speech, Woerner said he had arrived in Moscow "to extend a hand of co-operation to Soviet leaders and to the Soviet people."

"We want to work together with you to build a new Europe, in which all of us can find a natural home," Woerner said.

Shevardnadze said the two men had discussed German reunification during their talks. West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl was scheduled to arrive in Moscow later today.

Tass quoted Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennadi Gerasimov as saying that the Shevardnadze-Woerner talks "dealt with relations between the two blocs against a backdrop of the changing situation in Europe."

Before leaving for the Soviet Union, Woerner told the West German newspaper Die Welt

that many of the recent changes in international affairs would have been impossible without the policies pursued by Gorbachev.

East Germany's defence minister on Wednesday warned against assuming a united Germany will be a Nato member and said only a joint German parliament can decide on the country's military alignment.

No Nato troops may be deployed on what is now East German soil, Rainer Eppelmann told East Germany's ADN news agency in an interview.

The future military alignment of a unified Germany has been discussed in the two-plus-four talks among the two Germanys and the four World War II allies.

Among those, the Soviet Union is resisting Nato membership for what will be one of the mightiest powers in central Europe.

But the United States, along with France and Britain, maintain the Nato alliance would be an effective watchdog over Germany provided the newly united nation be a member.

In the ADN interview, Eppelmann said in recent weeks the impression had grown that "many regard future Nato membership for Germany as a done deal."

"The ease with which many have mentioned 'full Nato membership,' as if nothing less would do, has made me worry that the concerns and interests of our eastern neighbours aren't being given all that much weight," he said.

Eppelmann, whose official title is minister of defence and disarmament, said the question of Nato membership should be settled after German unification by a newly elected all-German parliament.

But the four World War II allies have said they hoped to have the issue settled before a formal merger of the two Germanys.

Eppelmann added that a German membership in Nato should be tied to a transformation of the military alliance into a political organisation renouncing the "confrontational elements" of its strategy.

The new politburo "will now be a force competing with other socio-political forces and asserting its advantages mainly in ideological and political struggle," Frolov said.

Frolov joined Gorbachev and his new deputy general secretary, Vladimir Ivashko, as the only holdovers on the new 24-member politburo from the old one. Gorbachev and Ivashko had been full politburo members, while Frolov was an alternate, or non-voting, member.

"It is the first time that no one from the Soviet government or the Soviet parliament's (executive) presidium joined the politburo," said the official Tass News Agency. "This reflects the Soviet Communist Party's course of separating the party from state authority."

Gorbachev, as Soviet president, is head of state, but he is technically apart from the government headed by Ryzhkov.

In the new drive to separate the party from the state, Ryzhkov, Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, Defence Minister Dmitri Yazov, KGB chief Vladimir Kryshtkov, parliament chairman Anatoli Lukyanov and presidential council member Alexander Yakovlev all gave up their politburo seats.

Those promoted to the politburo, in addition to the 15 Republican Party leaders, include Moscow party chief Yuri Prokofiev and Gennadi Yanaev, head of the state-run national trade union.

Knocking
The contentious 28th Communist Party Congress stayed true to form to its very end Friday evening, temporarily knocking some of Gorbachev's closest advisers off the new Central Committee and forcing him to use his patented parliamentary manoeuvres to restore their places on the chief policy-making body.

"Those who counted on this being the last congress and the funeral of the Communist Party miscalculated," Gorbachev chortled to more than 4,000 delegates to the gathering.

Gorbachev, chosen during the 12-day assembly to lead the party for five more years, said it had confounded doomsters' predictions of both the party's demise and his own ability to hold together a rapidly disintegrating monolith.

"The Communist Party of the Soviet Union lives and will continue to live," Gorbachev said to enormous applause. "It will make its historic contribution to the progress of our country and to the progress of world civilisation."

The delegates then stood and sang the Internationale, the revolutionary socialist hymn of the working class in whose name the Communist Party has ruled the Soviet Union for seven decades.

But Gorbachev also acknowledged the party's failure to bring prosperity to his vast country, noting that possible aid to the Soviet Union had dominated the agenda of the just-completed summit of the seven leading industrial nations of the West.

Relieved
Meanwhile Army Gen Alexei D. Lizichev, the political commissar of the Soviet armed forces, has been relieved of his duties at his request for health reasons, the official Soviet news agency Tass reported yesterday.

He was replaced by his senior deputy, Col Gen Nikolai Shlyaga. Tass quoted a Defence Ministry statement as saying,

"Lizichev, 62, was appointed to his post shortly after Mikhail Gorbachev came to power in 1985. He has been assigned to the group of inspectors-general at the Soviet Defence Ministry, Tass said."

The formal title of the post is chief of the main political directorate of the Soviet Army and Navy, the head of the system of commissars that oversee the loyalty of the armed forces to the Communist Party.

Radical reformers are seeking to obliterate the system of communist control in the armed forces and the KGB.

Lizichev was dropped Thursday from the list of nominees to the Communist Party's Central Committee, and his place on the policy-making body was taken by Shlyaga.

INTERNATIONAL

NEWS IN BRIEF



Orthodox leader visits NY

Patriarch Dimitrios, the spiritual leader of Orthodox Christians, arrived in New York by train Friday to the welcome of religious and city officials and several hundred flag-waving faithful.

"As a spiritual leader and as a free man, I am deeply moved that God has enabled me to visit beautiful New York City for the first time," said Dimitrios, the first orthodox patriarch to visit the United States since the office was established more than 1,400 years ago.

Mayor David Dinkins greeted Dimitrios at Penn station by noting the growing role of the Orthodox Church in Eastern Europe. Orthodox leaders in the United States, he said, "are now in a position to assist in the grand task of regenerating the church in their homelands."

Most of the church's 250 million members live

in Eastern Europe, but 6 million live in the United States and Canada, according to church officials.

Also attending the train station reception were Archbishop Iakovos, primate of the Greek Orthodox Church in the United States, and several city officials.

Dimitrios, speaking through an interpreter, praised New York City as representing "the model of a multi-racial society made up of a host of different races, nationalities, traditions and regions all joined in a coherent whole, united by common ideas of humanity and international solidarity."

Photo shows Dinkins (R) shaking hands with Dimitrios (C) and Iakovos (L). (Reuters wirephoto)

60 boat people to return: Sixty boat people will return to Vietnam Sunday under a voluntary repatriation programme, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees said in a statement Friday.

They are among 79 refugees Vietnam has agreed to take back recently. The other 19 will leave later this month, the statement said.

To facilitate their return, a Vietnamese consular delegation visited the 79 refugees at their camp in Kuala Lumpur interviewed them, approved their departure and issued passes to them, it said. (AP)

Nuke ship begins tests: Sixteen years after a radiation leak halted its maiden voyage, Japan's only nuclear ship is sailing under atomic power in preparation for a year of experiments, officials said Saturday.

A series of ocean trials began with the startup Friday of the Mutsu's nuclear reactor, which supplies power to the ship's propellers.

The Mutsu's voyage off Japan's northern coast was its first under nuclear power in 16 years, officials of the Japan Atomic Energy Research Institute said. (AP)

Japan's UN targets: Japan will not be able to increase women participation in the administrative position to 30 per cent by the year 1995 as requested by the United Nations, the Japanese authorities announced in Tokyo Saturday.

Director of a ministerial office for women affairs Kiko Fuji warned that the Japanese government agencies will have to make tremendous efforts if they would meet the UN target to raise women representation in government consultative councils to 10 per cent.

Fuji pointed out that it is difficult for Japan to attain that goal while other countries failed to achieve it. (Kuna)

Shevardnadze visit: Preparations are currently underway for the visit of Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze to Japan, slated for next September.

Japanese sources said Foreign Ministry officials are due to meet with their Soviet counterpart in Moscow July 30 for the purpose.

The sources said the two sides would hold their fifth round of talks aimed at paving the way for a settlement of various pending issues. (Kuna)

Muslim leaders support: Muslim leaders in Indonesia's strongest Islamic province said Friday they fully support government efforts to quell violence attributed to a small extremist group.

The Muslim leaders in the western province of Aceh, where the government has been deploying additional troops to combat the group known as GPK, said it was asking residents not to become drawn into any escalating hostilities. (UPI)

Floods, mudslides kill 21: Heavy rains caused flooding and mudslides that killed at least 21 people and left 31 missing in two Chinese provinces, an official report said Saturday.

Floodwaters inundated Beixu village in north China's Shanxi province after three dams collapsed, leaving at least 14 people dead and five missing, the official China Daily newspaper said. (AP)

Bat Mitzvah held in China: In this ancient centre of Chinese Judaism, a Jewish-Chinese girl from the United States marked her passage into adulthood Saturday with a traditional Bat Mitzvah ceremony.

"It is so unique for my heritage to be united in one place," said Yiling Chen-Josephson, 13, the daughter of a Jewish father and a Chinese mother.

Cantor David Leftkowitz incorporated a Chinese folk song into the ceremony, held in a hotel because Kaifeng's synagogue was destroyed in the 19th century. (AP)

La Razon bankrupt: La Razon, once the biggest newspaper in Latin America, ceased publication Wednesday after years of fruitless struggles to turn a profit.

Judge Juan Jose Diez said the owners filed for bankruptcy, which he granted Tuesday night. His ruling suspended the paper's contractual obligations to its 700 employees.

When La Arzon attempted to shut its doors last December, employees locked themselves inside and refused to leave. After long, bitter negotiations the afternoon daily resumed publication on April 12.

Reporters, photographers, editors, printers and others showed up for work as usual Wednesday, and there was no immediate indication of their reaction. (AP)

Corruption suspects flee: Two days after a Caracas court issued arrest warrants for a former interior minister, a former president's lover and 10 other prominent officials and businessmen on corruption charges, authorities still can't find them.

"We believe that almost all of them have fled the country," said a police spokesman for the National Technical and Judicial Police (NTJ), said Friday.

The warrants are the strongest action so far on the 17-month-old Perez government's promise to clamp down on rampant corruption. (AP)

3 held for kidnapping: Paraguayan police have arrested three people suspected of kidnapping Brazilian publicist Roberto Medina, who was freed following payment of a ransom, a Brazilian diplomatic source said Friday.

The source denied radio reports that a contingent of Brazilian policemen and a camera crew from Globo television of Rio De Janeiro were also arrested.

He said six Brazilian police agents, in pursuit of the same suspects, and the television crew were "detained" in the confusion of the arrests Thursday night, which he described as a joint operation of police from the two countries.

Received 23 years later

Lost letter

RAVENNA, Michigan, July 14, (AP) — When a young sailor wrote a letter to his parents during the Vietnam war, he forgot to include his hometown's postal code.

That might have made it a little late, but doesn't account for all 23 years, the US Postal Service says.

Bert Budai wrote his parents a 2-1/2 page letter filled with typical adventures of a young sailor during the war. He returned home in 1969 and his parents later died. But the post office delivered the letter Tuesday to Budai's former home in Ravenna, just across the road from where he now lives.

"I was quite shocked," said Budai, now 44, married and stepfather of two children. "My sister lives in my father's house now and it came to that address and she brought it over to me."

The letter is postmarked Oct 17, 1966 — the same day Budai penned it aboard the USS Valley Forge, a helicopter carrier stationed off the Philippines.

Stamped with an 8-cent air mail stamp, the envelope included Budai's shipboard return address, in care of the San Francisco post office.

from the southern French city of Nimes, is not likely to break the record of more than two million pound sterling of the Glasgow-London in August 1963, a report said here Friday.

Railways sources, which have not yet come up with an estimate of the loot, said they were still trying to gather all the details to find out exactly what has been robbed. (Kuna)

Post office robbed: Gangs of armed robbers burst into two Italian post offices Saturday and escaped with around \$1.35 million, police reported.

Officials said that a group armed with pistols got away with 800 million lire (\$660,000) in the first holdup before escaping in a car driven by an accomplice. (UPI)

Rejects ransom demand: French musician Pierre Amoyal said Thursday he refuses to pay a ransom to an Italian crime gang for his priceless Stradivarius violin, which was stolen two years ago from him near the northern Italian city of Turin.

On Monday the commander of the carabinieri parliamentary police in Turin said the violin, which was made in 1717 and once belonged to Czar Nicholas II, is in the hands of the Calabrian "Ndragheta", a mainland version of the Sicilian mafia. The gang is asking for a ransom. (UPI)



Strike rally

A demonstrator who took part in a strike rally by miners of the Donbass coalfields in Donetsk, Soviet Union, to demand the resignation of the government. (Reuters wirephoto)

America

Containing blazes: Humidity helped firefighters conquer a 6,500-acre (2,600-hectare) brushfire by a teen-ager's model rocket in a California state park, but a blaze in central Oregon broke its lines and expanded. "Delicious blew up this afternoon and has grown to more than 1,500 acres (600 hectares)," Doug Decker of the Oregon Department of Forestry said Friday.

Earlier Friday brought a break from lightning storms that ignited the blaze just southeast of Sisters, Oregon. The fire had been contained at 600 acres (250 hectares) Thursday night.

At least six nearby homes were not in immediate danger. (AP)

Phase out requirement: US lawmakers have agreed that most single-hulled oil tankers should be phased out over the next 20 years and all new tankers should be built with double hulls.

The agreement Thursday removed a major obstacle to oil spill protection legislation that the US Congress has been debating since the devastating spill from the Exxon Valdez tanker off Alaska in March 1989.

House of Representatives and Senate negotiators working out differences between their respective bills hope to complete action on the legislation before the upcoming August recess. (AP)

To protect spotted owl: Loggers can't harvest parts of privately owned forests where threatened spotted owls live, under rules adopted by a state panel. The decision could make California the first state to officially protect the species.

In June, the US Fish and Wildlife Service put the spotted owl on the threatened species list, setting up the battle between the timber industry and environmentalists.

Timber industry leaders immediately blasted Wednesday's decision by the state board of forestry that could cut logging in northern California in half and could cost up to 1,900 jobs. (AP)

Europe

Spy trial next week: An Italian state prosecutor said Saturday that the trial of a Soviet man and an Italian woman arrested for suspected espionage could be held next month.

Police reported late Friday that they arrested Victor Dimitriev, 46, an employee of the Soviet Ministry for Foreign Commerce, and 51-year-old Maria Antonietta Valente on spy charges.

Police said the woman, a 15-year employee of Italian electronics giant Olivetti, was preparing to sell a top-secret Nato document to the Soviet. They said that Olivetti itself was not involved. (UPI)

Pope getting a tan: Pope John Paul II is getting a tan, eating well and reading poetry during his current mountain holiday, the chief Vatican press spokesman said Saturday.

Joaquin Navarro Valls, seeking to defuse press reports that the 70-year-old Polish Pope is tired and in poor health, said that John Paul is enjoying long Alpine walks during the vacation, which ends July 30. (UPI)

ISA president chosen: Sociologists from the emerging democracies of Eastern Europe and the battered societies of the Third World will have more access to the discipline's mainstream activities if TK Oommen has his way.

The Indian sociologist, who was elected president of the International Sociological Association at the end of the organization's July 9-13 12th world congress, says he wants to set up a fund for Third World and non-convertible currency countries to ensure greater participation from them in future congresses and ISA meetings. (AP)

Train robbery: The Vintimille-Bordeaux train robbery, at about midnight Thursday, in the middle of nowhere at some 20 kilometres

Albanians off to freedom, better life

Pro-govt rally of 100,000 held in Tirana

VIENNA, July 14, (AP) — A French-chartered ferry carrying 545 Albanians steamed for Marseille, France today after Albania's government rallied loyal communists and condemned the refugees as "brigands."

The four ships, chartered by the West German and Italian governments, picked up about 4,500 Albanians in Durres, Albania early yesterday and took them to Brindisi, Italy.

A fifth ferry, the French-chartered Orient Star was expected to reach Marseille tomorrow.

"We shall win," weary refugees on one ferry chanted as they approached the dock in Brindisi.

Yesterday, about 100,000 people rallied in the Albanian capital of Tirana in support of the communist leadership, the state ATA news agency reported.

The rally was organised in Skanderbeg Square, close to the diplomatic community in Tirana where the refugees began seeking asylum on June 28.



Albanian refugees display their passports shortly after arriving in Basel, Switzerland from Brindisi. (Reuters wirephoto)



An young Albanian family at Athens airport after arriving aboard a special charter flight after being evacuated. (Reuters wirephoto)

Cubans follow Albanians

Czechoslovakia urges free passage

MEXICO CITY, July 14, (AP) —

Two more Cubans have taken refuge at the Spanish embassy in Havana, Cuba, bringing to 17 the number of asylum-seekers at foreign embassies in Cuba's capital, according to official reports yesterday.

In a related development, five other Cubans seeking asylum briefly held a Czechoslovak diplomat hostage in his Havana apartment, the official Czechoslovak news agency CTK reported.

The report came as Czechoslovakia urged Cuba to provide free passage to the Cubans who had sought shelter earlier this week at Prague's embassy in Havana, and said it would not hand them over to Cuban authorities.

The Cubans apparently followed the example of thousands of Albanians who recently flooded foreign embassies in their capital, Tirana, to seek asylum and received permission

to leave their communist homeland.

Cuba and Albania remain among the last hard-line communist countries in the world and have resisted the democratic reforms sweeping Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union.

In Madrid, a Spanish Foreign Ministry spokesman said two more Cubans entered the Spanish embassy in Havana last afternoon, joining another asylum-seeker there.

The Mexican government news agency Notimex also reported that three Cubans were seeking refuge in the Spanish embassy, in a report from Havana monitored in Mexico City.

"We have given them protection while we study the situation," said Spanish Foreign Ministry spokesman Juan Lena. He said the Spanish government was seeking permission from Cuban authorities to send the asylum-

seekers to a third country.

Spanish ambassador to Cuba Antonio Serrano de Haro yesterday cut short his vacation in Madrid to return to Havana.

Lena said he did not know the identities of the two new refugees. The first Cuban, identified as 27-year-old Luis Montenegro Rodriguez, sought refuge in the Spanish embassy on Wednesday in an effort to escape the hard-line communist government.

Montenegro was jailed from 1985 to 1988 after he tried to seek asylum at the US interests section, which operates out of the Swiss embassy in Havana, the Spanish news agency EFE said, citing diplomatic sources in Havana.

In Prague, CTK quoted the Czechoslovak Foreign Ministry as saying five Cubans forced their way into the downtown Havana apartment of Czechoslovak charge d'affaires Jan Doernock on Thursday.

Xhelil Gjoni, a member of the party's policy-making politburo, told the rally that "Albania and its people's power are unshaken by degenerate people who abandon their homeland or by anyone else," said a Tirana radio broadcast, monitored in London.

Gjoni described the expatriates as "brigands" and was quoted by ATA as saying, "They do not represent Albania, they do not represent the people."

After crossing the Adriatic Sea, the asylum-seekers expressed relief at being out of the overcrowded embassies and their hardline communist homeland.

"I am very, very happy to come here," said Artano Harzai, 25, as he and three friends examined plastic relief bags filled with new socks and shirts. "Here in Europe there's freedom. In Albania there's not."

His friends, one without shoes and another shirtless, nodded vigorously and gave thumbs-down signs for the Albanian police.

Fifteen Albanians were admitted to Brindisi's hospital, including two women expected to give birth soon, said Red Cross spokesman Riccardo Moro. Several other people were suffering from wounds suffered when Albanian police fired at people trying to scramble into Western embassies.

A baby was born on one ship, the Espresso Grecia, after it left Albania, a Red Cross spokesman said.

"Everyone off to freedom," a refugee cried to other Albanians waving from a departing train.

As the train pulled into Heidelberg, many joyously waved their hands in victory from the train's window; others were smiling as they disembarked, bright red Albanian passports in their shirt pockets.

"We are leaving our country because we don't want these communists," said Enkeo Halili, a 24-year-old mechanic. "We are young ... we are poor. We've never even seen a discotheque."

Hungarian radio reported that a special plane carrying 39 Albanian refugees arrived in Budapest today on a flight from Tirana. They were placed in a refugee-camp in the Buda Hills. Also aboard the plane were five Albanians who had taken refuge at the Bulgarian embassy in Tirana. They already left Budapest for Sofia, Budapest radio said.

The 56 Albanians who had been sheltered in the Polish embassy flew from Tirana to Warsaw today and were taken to an army facility northwest of the city.

Many of the refugees felt that wherever they wound up, life would be better than in what they believe is a backward communist state.

"People want to go away. The communist regime is an animal," Avni Azizi, a 23-year-old Albanian tailor, said shortly after arriving in Heidelberg. "There was no way to live."

29 refugees from Greece's embassy took a plane from Brindisi to Athens, said Clara Minerva, assistant director of the local Interior Ministry office.

The evacuation eased a crisis that prompted dismissals from the Albanian government and damaged its efforts to soften its isolationist foreign policy.

Albanian leader Ramiz Alia introduced limited reforms this year, including some religious freedom and travel abroad.

But that was not enough for the thousands of Albanians who sought refuge in foreign embassies in Tirana.

Seasons of non-stop summitry over, but loose ends remain

WASHINGTON, July 14, (AP) — A season of summitry is over, but loose ends remain from talks in London and Houston, including major differences among the allies on trade, the environment and economic aid to the Soviets.

Face-saving compromises reached by summit partners to achieve common ground on these issues only guarantee that the divisions will resurface later.

In the past 12 months, US President George Bush has attended Nato summits in Brussels and London, met with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev in Malta and Washington, been to

a drug summit in Colombia, hosted the just-concluded seven-nation economic summit in Houston, and engaged in a long series of one-on-one meetings with allied leaders.

But the break from summits could be short-lived.

At the London Nato summit, allies invited Gorbachev to address a meeting of the alliance, probably in December. And, although the precise forum wasn't specified, US aides said it was unlikely that Gorbachev would address a Nato meeting without Bush in attendance.

Furthermore, both Bush and Gorbachev

have pledged to try to complete work on treaties by the end of this year both to reduce conventional forces in Europe and to cut long-range nuclear missiles.

A third Bush-Gorbachev summit, possibly in Moscow, to sign the nuclear pact seems likely once negotiations on it are complete.

And completion of talks on reducing conventional forces in Europe will produce a 35-nation summit among European nations of both political blocs.

At first glance, Bush appears to have gotten most of what he wanted from the Nato summits in London and the summit of industrial-

ized democracies in Houston. And, where there were disagreements, agreements were reached either glossing over these disputes or buying more time.

"That's what Bush is good at. He's brought to international relations the same skills that he's brought to domestic politics. When you have no money, split the difference," said Stephen Hess, a scholar at the Brookings Institution who specializes in the presidency.

"It's a way to put off decisions without leaving anyone too unhappy," said Hess. But some of the summit agreements are ticking and have relatively short fuses.

For instance, the allied leaders in Houston were able to put off the issue of a joint stance on direct economic aid to the Soviet Union — favoured by West Germany but opposed by the United States — with a statement that talked about individual aid and commissioned a study.

A six-month time frame was placed on the study. When that study is complete, it is likely that the divisions among Western allies will resurface.

Bush also made little real headway on the hotly debated trade subject on agricultural

subsidies.

Initially, the United States pressed for an agreement eliminating all such subsidies by the year 2,000. European allies balked at that notion.

From the Houston summit came a "compromise" in which the United States basically dropped its insistence that all agricultural subsidies should be cut.

However, that just threw the debate back to negotiations under way in Geneva under the auspices of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

Irish envoy in Beirut hostage mission

McDaid meets Premier Hoss, Syrian officer, hopes release of Keenan

BEIRUT, July 14, (AP): Irish envoy Adrian McDaid today met Brig. Ali Hammoud, the Syrian intelligence officer in charge of west Beirut's security, seeking some information of the hoped-for release of Irish hostage Brian Keenan.

Syrian soldiers guarding Hammoud's headquarters at the seaside Ramlet Baida district did not allow news reporters and photographers to wait for the Irish diplomat.

McDaid also met with Prime Minister Salim Hoss, a Sunni Muslim.

"All I can say is that I had a very interesting discussion with Prime Minister Hoss... I thought it was of importance that I talk to him and explain to him the reason why I'm here and brief him on the situation," McDaid told reporters after the 30-minute meeting.

He refused to answer questions about the outcome of his talks with Hammoud. However, McDaid stressed that "I said yesterday that we were hopeful and today I'm still hopeful." He did not elaborate on the remark.

Asked for how long would he be staying in Lebanon, McDaid said, "Probably for a week or a bit longer. I don't know."

A source at the Irish consulate in west Beirut, speaking on condition of anonymity, said McDaid "doesn't have other scheduled meetings with public figures for today and tomorrow."

The consulate in west Beirut's Verdun street opened exceptionally today for McDaid to "maintain his contacts," the source added.

The Irish diplomat, who is based in Baghdad, flew in Thursday in an effort to verify a report by Iran's official news agency that a European hostage held in Lebanon is to be released.

The report, released by the Islamic Republic News Agency a week ago, did not name the hostage to be freed. However, sources close to the command of Syria's 40,000 troops in Lebanon and British newspapers said Keenan would be the one.

Keenan, 39, an English language teacher, was kidnapped in west Beirut on

April 11, 1986. No group has claimed to hold him.

However, former American hostage Frank Reed, the latest captive to be released on April 30, said he saw Keenan two days before his release. And said he had spent almost three years in the same house or room with him.

A group called Islamic Dawn, believed made up of fundamentalist Shiite Muslims, announced Reed's release.

The Irish Consul source said earlier McDaid was "trying to find out from Brigadier Hammoud whether the Syrians had any information on the hostage release."

McDaid yesterday visited Irna's office in west Beirut to inquire about reliability of the agency's sources.

Irna's resident correspondent Mussyar Naimih said: "We stressed that our sources are reliable and we explained to Mr McDaid that the hostage to be released will probably be a European national."

"He asked us about the reports that said Keenan will be released and we explained

to him that our report did not name the hostage," Naimih added.

The 16 Western hostages held mainly by pro-Iranian underground Shiite factions are Keenan, six Americans, four Britons, two West Germans, two Swiss and an Italian.

McDaid, contacted at the Bristol hotel in west Beirut early in the day, refused to inform the media of his activities.

"I have a job to do. I'm not going to inform the press of my meetings in advance," he said.

In addition to visiting the Irna office, McDaid spent his day yesterday at the Irish Consulate waiting for word from "anybody who feels he has something solid that might lead to a happy resolution."

With Syrian President Hafez Assad and his Foreign Minister Farouk Al Sharara in Egypt, sources do not expect a hostage release before their return to Damascus.

Assad and Sharara arrived in Egypt today for the summit meeting with President Hosni Mubarak.



Irish envoy Adrian McDaid (left) with Lebanese Prime Minister Salim Al Hoss yesterday in Hoss's house in West Beirut (Reuters wire - 10)

Assad meets Mubarak

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differences between their two countries.

Special importance is attached to the visit by Assad as the Arab world is facing grave threats, at a time when Israel is rejecting efforts to push ahead the peace process in the Middle East and Assad's insistence on continuing its occupation of Arab territories, the Arab diplomatic sources said.

The visit also comes in the aftermath of President Bush's decision June 20 to break off diplomatic contact with the Palestinian Liberation Organisation, the sources said.

The summit talks between Mubarak and Assad were also in preparation for next November's Arab summit meeting in Cairo, they said. The Tunis-based headquarters of the Arab League will be transferred back to Cairo before the summit begins.

Sharara in an interview distributed by the Middle East News Agency said ties between Iraq and Syria would eventually be restored.

He said Assad was in favour of better ties between Iraq and the Arab countries.

Today's visit to Egypt by Assad might be followed by a mini-Arab summit that could bring Assad together with his ideological arch-rival Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and three other Arab leaders, Saudi daily Al Yawm newspaper reported today.

The summit, which would be held either in Cairo or Amman, would also group Mubarak, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and King Hussein of Jordan, the paper said quoting unnamed "well-informed" sources.

UN calls for fresh talks on Cyprus

UNITED NATIONS, July 14, (AP): UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar yesterday called for a fresh round of separate discussions with the Greek and Turkish Cypriot communities in Nicosia.

"The coming period will be of critical importance," he said in a written report to the Security Council. "The time has come to stop mutual recriminations and to concentrate efforts on promoting reconciliation."

Perez de Cuellar called on both sides to compromise and show moderation.

He said there has been "a general deterioration of the atmosphere" in recent months and an increasing sense of frustration "because of the present lack of progress."

The UN chief said it was "important that the two leaders meet with me as soon as possible to agree on an outline and to launch the negotiations of an overall agreement."

He proposed holding separate discussions in Nicosia to prepare the ground. No dates were proposed.

Perez de Cuellar launched his peace initiative for Cyprus in talks with both sides in Geneva in August 1988.

He last held talks in March in New York with Cypriot President Georges Vassiliou, recognised as president of the island, and Rauf Denktaş, leader of the breakaway Turkish Cypriot community in the north.

At the meeting, he said, "Conceptual difficulties emerged from the very outset." He did not elaborate, but apparently was referring to Denktaş's call for self-determination by Turkish Cypriots, which could be interpreted as a push for separate statehood. After that, the talks collapsed.

The Security Council asked Perez de Cuellar to resume negotiations.

He called on the two communities yesterday "to convey to each other, through their words and deeds, a clear message that promotes mutual confidence."

Soldiers shoot officer

Believing him escaping Palestinian

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 14, (Agencies): Israeli soldiers manning a road block in the occupied West Bank town of Ramallah shot an army officer early today thinking he was a Palestinian activists trying to escape, the military said.

The officer was driving alone in a civilian car before dawn and was manoeuvring his way past stone barricades, drawing the suspicion of nearby troops, the army said.

"They ordered him to halt, then fired into the air and then at the wheels," said an army spokesman who could not be identified according to regulations.



After a short and surprising meeting between UN General Secretary Perez de Cuellar and PLO leader Yasser Arafat, the latter held a short presser at the Palace des Nations in Geneva. (Reuters wirephoto)

Arab ministers to consider US step

PLO council to meet in Baghdad

TUNIS, July 14, (UPI): The Arab League will hold a ministerial meeting tomorrow in Tunis to consider the suspension by the United States of its dialogue with the Palestine Liberation Organisation, officials said.

Just how many foreign ministers will turn up Sunday evening for the session was not yet known at the Arab League headquarters. The other main item on the agenda for the meeting is the escalation of Israeli repression in the occupied (Arab) territories.

Initially scheduled for June 26 and then postponed until the last minute, the Arab League deliberations will precede by three days a meeting of the PLO Central Council to be held in Baghdad July 18.

The PLO session in the Iraqi capital also has been called to discuss the decision by Washington, which was taken after the

PLO failed to comply with a US request the PLO strongly condemn a failed seaborne raid on Israel staged May 30 by commandos loyal to radical Palestinian leader Mohammed Abu Abbas.

Washington also demanded the PLO expel Abbas, the leader of the Palestine Liberation Front backed by Libya, from the Executive Committee of the PLO.

PLO-watchers say no concrete measures are likely to come out of the Arab League meeting though the PLO may call for an Arab boycott of the United States, a measure that would be sure to remain a dead letter in the unlikely event it was passed.

But the PLO is known to be hoping at least for a strong statement of verbal support for its independent stance.

Algerian Islamists ban 'Rai' music

ALGIERS, July 14, (AP): Islamic fundamentalists have banned a form of popular music and forbidden girls and boys from sharing the same schoolrooms, the Algerian media reported today.

Along the Mediterranean coast west of the capital, where fundamentalists won stunning victories in local and regional elections last month, "Rai" music is now banned.

The music, a sort of Arabic rock celebrating love, sex and youthful revolt, fails to "correspond to the morals and precepts of Islam," local media reported.

Authorities are apparently searching for another form of entertainment, organising a three-day festival last week in Oran dedicated to "Islamic patriotic songs."

The provincial council of Constantine, in eastern Algeria, meanwhile has ruled out mixed classrooms in schools and universities.

The An Nasr newspaper said the council, under the control of the Islamic Salvation Front, has also banned the sale of all alcoholic beverages in the province.

Bars will be shut down and the distribution of non-alcoholic beverages reorganised in an unspecified manner, An Nasr said.

Similar measures have already been taken in several of the constituencies won by the front in Algeria's first contested elections since independence from France in 1962.

The fundamentalists trounced the ruling National Liberation Front in the balloting, winning 836 of 1,539 municipalities and 32 of the 48 provincial councils.

Islamic Salvation Front councillors in the seaside resort of Tipaza last week forbade nudity and modern bathing suits on local beaches. Short pants can be no shorter than the top of the knee for men and the bottom of the knee for women.

They said the victim, identified as Najah Mohammed Ibrahim Tuwabi, had signs of violence on his body. Tuwabi was imprisoned last November for planting explosive devices near Israeli targets, the radio said.

The army confirmed the death and said the motive behind the slaying was under investigation.

Also today, at least three Palestinian teenagers were wounded by army gunfire during stone-throwing clashes in the Khan Yunis refugee camp in the occupied Gaza Strip. Arab reports and hospital officials said.

The army said it was checking the report.

In Arab East Jerusalem, police said three cars were badly damaged in a wave of weekend torchings, presumably by Palestinian activists opposing the Israeli occupation.

Some 773 Palestinians have died of Israeli gunfire in the 31-month-long rebellion, and an additional 333 have been killed by other Arabs on suspicion of collaborating with Israel. Forty-five Israelis also have died in the violence.

UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said today he was deeply concerned about the safety of Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied territories.

Diplomats suggested sending a second, more wide-reaching UN mission to the area to follow up on the inquiries of the last month's mission.

"We are very much concerned about the fate of the Palestinians," Perez de Cuellar told reporters after briefing the Security Council about the visit of his envoy, Jean-Claude Aime, to the territories.

Perez de Cuellar declined to give details of the report, but diplomats said he stated that Palestinians were concerned about midnight raids and rash action by Israeli police and security forces.

Arab diplomats are seeking to have Aime's report, which was delivered orally, put in writing so they can seek Security Council action to get physical and economic protection for Palestinians in the territories. Aime is a special assistant to the secretary-general.

US Secretary of State James Baker received yesterday the Jordanian Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qassem to discuss the mounting tensions in the Middle East and the ways of reviving the peace process.

4 killed in two Egyptian towns

Extremist violence

CAIRO, July 14, (AP): Four people, including two Western tourists, died last night in Muslim extremist violence in two Egyptian towns 200 miles (320 km) apart, hospital and police sources said today.

In the Red Sea resort of Hurgada, two German and French women died and a German man suffered serious burns when a Muslim extremist set fire

to a small restaurant, police sources said.

A doctor at Hurgada hospital said the two victims were middle-aged West German and French women but could not provide their names. He identified the German woman's husband as 45-year-old Ted Hans whom he said had burns on 80 per cent of his body.

The doctor, who declined to be named, said the

embassy was arranging to have Hans flown to West Germany for treatment.

He said a Frenchman, whom he did not identify, suffered superficial burns in the blaze but did not require hospitalisation. Five Egyptians also were given first aid treatment, he said.

The French and West German embassies confirmed the nationalities of the two dead women but refused to give any details until their next of kin have been identified.

Hurgada is a popular resort overlooking the Red Sea, 330 miles (529 km) southeast of Cairo. It is favoured by many Europeans who charter flights from their countries direct to the resort.

The arson attack on the restaurant was the first reported incident of Muslim extremist violence at Hurgada.

A man answering the telephone at the Red Sea restaurant where the blaze took place confirmed a report in the state-owned afternoon newspaper Al Massa that a 25-year-old house painter named Assad El Saeed El Adly set fire to the restaurant. The report said El Adly was a member of a Muslim extremist group.

The man at the restaurant would not give his name or any further details.

The Middle East News Agency, in what appeared to be a handout from the Interior Ministry, identified the culprit as Assad El Saeed El Adel and said he was arrested after he threw molotov cocktails at the restaurant, setting it on fire.

The Interior Ministry is in charge of internal security. In an unrelated incident, two Muslim extremists were killed and nine extremists and five policemen wounded in a battle in Deirout, 187 miles (300 km) south of Cairo.

Police sources said the Deirout incident occurred last night when a group of Muslim extremists attacked a wedding party, apparently protesting the presence of a belly dancer and a music band, which they consider violations of Islamic teachings.

The sources said the extremists beat up people attending the wedding and destroyed musical instruments. Police surrounded the wedding hall and a shootout erupted between them and the extremists.

They said 70 extremists were arrested.

The Egyptian agency said some extremists barricaded themselves inside a mosque after the shootout but were flushed out by policemen using tear-gas.

Vow to end Ethiopia war

Mengistu note to Castro

ADDISABABA, July 14, (AP): President Mengistu Haile Mariam promised to pursue efforts to end Africa's longest civil war, four days after an African summit called for peace and political reforms on the continent.

Mengistu, in a message to Cuban President Fidel Castro marking Friday's 15th anniversary of the establishment of relations between their countries, said Ethiopia's priorities were national unity, territorial integrity and talks with rebel armies.

"However, although we have not been able to receive positive responses from our adversaries, we want to assure you that we shall continue with our peace endeavours," Mengistu said.



Haile Mariam

Sudan denies forcing war refugees back

KHARTOUM, July 14, (AP): Officials said today that the government is helping around 190,000 war refugees to return to their villages in southern Sudan but denied that anyone was being forced to go home.

Brig Pao Yukwan Deng, member of the ruling military council, denied as "sheer, unfounded allegations" a US newspaper report that the government was forcing the war refugees back to the south, aggravating the precarious food situation there.

The seven-year-old civil war in the south has forced several million southerners to flee the fighting and man-made famine. Around 2 million have fled to other Sudanese cities and also into neighbouring Ethiopia and Uganda.

Peter Orat, minister for relief and displaced persons affairs, denied any southerners were being coerced into leaving the capital.

Somalis blamed for repression

BRUSSELS, Belgium, July 14, (AP): The European Community yesterday blamed the Somali government for its bloody repression of political opponents and urged it to release political prisoners.

The EEC expressed its "greatest concern" about "the repression in Mogadishu which caused dozens of casualties, the murder of European Economic Community citizens and the arrest of political opponents who expressed themselves publicly."

It concluded that "yet again the expectations... are set at naught by repressive measures violating fundamental human rights."

The contents of the message were published in the English-language Ethiopian Herald today.

Since the two Marxist countries forged relations, Cuba has sent thousands of military advisers to Ethiopia. But military support from Havana, bankrolled by Moscow, has been ebbing in recent months, according to diplomatic sources.

At the same time, Mengistu has pledged to dismantle many of the trappings of Marxism following the collapse of communism in Eastern Europe, once his political role model.

Mengistu's pledge to continue working toward ending his nation's civil war was made after the 26th summit of the Organisation of African Unity, in a keynote declaration, urged its 51 member states to strive vigorously to end all conflicts that are hampering development.

It also coincided with an announcement yesterday by the UN World Food Programme that a team of experts will arrive by ship in Ethiopia's Red Sea port of Massawa to assess whether emergency food supplies can be moved from the rebel-held harbour to 4 million people threatened with starvation in the northern provinces of Eritrea and Tigre.

The Eritrean People's Liberation Front, fighting for independence since 1961, seized Massawa from government forces in February, severely crippling the distribution of a planned 1.1 million tons of UN food supplies.

The government and the rebels recently agreed separately to allow the port, one of two on the Red Sea serving Ethiopia, to be used as a gateway for aid.

Mengistu's message came at a time when analysts are doubtful peace talks will be resumed. Two meetings between envoys from the warring sides were held in the United States and Kenya late last year.

Last Tuesday, former US President Jimmy Carter, who was a mediator at the talks, said at the OAU summit he feared the rebels would not re-enter discussions because they were confident of a military victory.

The Eritrean guerrillas control most of their province, a former Italian colony that was federated with Ethiopia in 1952, and are poised to assault the provincial capital of Asmara.

Other rebels from Tigre, Eritrea's southern neighbour, are in total control of the province and have fighters roaming the countryside.

\$642,977 contributed towards 'select six' re-election campaign

American Education Trust reports on pro-Israeli Political Action Committees

WASHINGTON, July 14, (Kuna): Pro-Israel Political Action Committees (PACs) have donated more than half of their \$1-million plus in contributions to date for 1990 Senate races to six incumbent supporters of Israel facing tough re-election bids in November, according to a new study out here yesterday.

The study on pro-Israeli PACs by the American Educational Trust (AET), which publishes the "Washington report on the Middle East," showed that of a total of \$1.1 million distributed as of March 31 to 26 senatorial incumbents up for re-election

this year, some \$642,977 in contributions went to just four Democrats and two Republicans.

The select six senators are known for being Israel's strongest supporters on Capitol Hill and include Carl Levin, Paul Simon, Tom Harkin, Howell Heflin, Rudy Boschwitz and Mitch McConnell. They all occupy key posts in key committees in Congress that deal directly with the Middle East.

The size of the pro-Israel contributions has been criticised by non-profit groups who say the money is used to "buy" congressional support for ever increasing US military and economic aid to Israel and a tilt in American foreign policy in the Middle East away from the moderate Arab countries.

According to American laws, an individual PAC cannot contribute more than \$5,000 to a single candidate in the primary and another \$5,000 in the general election, for a total of \$10,000 per candidate.

Arab-American and Muslim-American PACs, by contrast, have donated only a total of \$4,500 to Senate and House campaigns in the 1990 election cycle,

according to this new study.

As expected, campaign spokespersons for the six senators, whose career pro-Israel PAC contributions total \$1.4 million, deny that the PACs unduly influence Middle East policy and point out that, since the PAC officers are American citizens and not registered lobbyists for Israel, all such contributions can be legally accepted.

Observers contend committee assignments held by the six and the fact that they have strong positions this year explain why the 55 currently active pro-Israel PACs, whose names conceal

their purpose, selected the six for special attention.

Three of the six top recipients—Senators Simon, Boschwitz, and McConnell—for example, serve on the Foreign Relations Committee, which has a key role in foreign aid.

Levin is a member of the Armed Services Committee that considers arms deals, while Harkin serves on the Defence and Foreign Operations Subcommittees of the Appropriations Committee, both of which consider amounts of foreign aid to be earmarked to specific countries.

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Music and theatre institutes under construction

Costs way over contract value

THE director of the construction department at the Construction Project Administration in the Public Works Ministry Bader Al Mashmoum has said that the cost of the Music and Theatre Studies Institutes will reach KD7,950,000. He added that the value of the construction contract already signed was KD6,850,000.

Mashmoum told a local daily that the contractor in charge of construction started preliminary work early in October last year, and that the duration of construction

was 700 days, ending August 31, 1991.

He said that the project site is located in Mishref on the 6th Ring Road, close to the International Fair Ground, with a total space area of 46,225 square metres, whereas the total building area is 36,014 square metres.

He said that the project is aimed at qualifying specialised cadre to enrich the existing music and theatre movement in the country. He added that the areas of specialisation at the institutes will include

vocalisation, musical composition, musical instruments, acting, stage direction, stage literature, criticism, and stage decor.

The Musical Studies Institute will accommodate 400 students, boys and girls, and the budget allocated for this project is KD5.15 million, Mashmoum said.

He added that the Theatre Studies Institutes is also designed to accommodate 400 students and that the involved cost will reach KD2,435,000.

He said that the project will also include a gymnasium, auditorium, training hall, studio, theatre museum, make-up room, drawing, sculpturing and acting facilities, besides dining and catering facilities.

The project will also include special residences for students accommodating 60 occupants with needed services, besides a theatre taking up 500 people, with central library, cafeteria and restaurant, as well as a special building for mechanical and power services, Mashmoum said.

New phone exchanges in various governorates

KUWAIT'S Minister of Communication Habib Jawhar Hayat presided recently over the ministry's planning committee meeting, a local daily reported.

It added that the meeting which was attended by the Ministry of Communication Undersecretary Abdulaziz Al-Ayoub and assistant undersecretaries at the ministry discussed projects pertaining to the ministry's telephone exchanges including the supply and installation of the necessary equipment for the information centre 101.

Apart from the above the meeting reviewed the project for the supply and installation of relevant equipment for Al Qurain, West Al Fintas, Al Ardiya and Al Manaqaf telephone exchanges in addition to the supply and installation of a new international telephone exchange for Hawalli area.

The committee discussed the commissioning units to be installed at Hawalli and Salmiya telephone exchanges in addition to the project aimed at supplying the mobile telephone exchange with a capacity of 2000 lines. The committee also discussed suggestions concerning the setting up of prefabricated building for post boxes during the next forthcoming five years in some areas.

Computers for Justice Ministry

THE Minister of Justice and Legal Affairs Dari Abdullah Al Othman has issued a ministerial decision forming ad hoc follow-up committee headed by the ministry undersecretary, Abdul Aziz Al Dakheel to supervise the computerisation of different ministry sectors and courts.

The main assignments of the committee include the drawing up of a convenient plan to introduce computers and other technologies into the ministry divisions. Additionally, to evaluate and approve plans submitted by the ministry computer centre for the computerisation project, determine the priorities of implementation of work programmes as well as of execution of related schemes and follow up the implementation masterplan and related plans as approved.

The decision authorised the committee to seek assistance of known professionals and further called on the committee to prepare quarterly progress reports which should include all measures so far implemented or achievements made as well as obstacles faced, for submission to the minister.

Special rule on elevators

GENERAL Fire Department started the implementation of the decision regarding elevators and their application in various buildings. The decision was issued by the State Minister for Municipal Affairs at the end of last May.

The decision covered elevators operated by electrical power by hydraulic forces used to transfer persons between two levels or more inside a building. Elevators used in workshops are not included in the decision. The decision added that all elevators will be approved by the General Fire Department. Merchants are prohibited from manufacturing, assembling or importing any form of elevator unless they obtain permission from the General Fire Department. Practice of elevator maintenance and amounting will be provided permission from the department. Mounting elevators in buildings should be conducted after obtaining approval from the department. No alterations and modifications are allowed on already licensed elevators unless accompanied with the approval from the General Fire Department.

The decision does not include elevators in military installations and buildings.



Outstanding students honoured

The Minister of Education Dr Abdullah Yousef Al Ghuneim has said that the ministry is endeavouring relentlessly to further develop its general education curricula to keep pace with educational and scientific progress at the international level.

He said that the ministry's future plans will basically deal with further organising the educational process, and meeting student and teacher requirements.

Speaking at a ceremony to honour students with outstanding performance in the secondary education exam held by the School Activity Department, he said that the honouring ceremony is intended to encourage students to improve their performance, and to reflect the state's attention to outstanding students.

The minister, at the conclusion of the ceremony, handed out certificates of appreciation to the students.



Shortage of specialists

Handicapped well taken care of, says academic

DR AHMAD Abdullah from the Faculty of Education at Kuwait University says that the abnormal child is the child who exhibits signs of unnatural deviation as compared to normal children or the child with average mental faculties, or physical, neurological or social abilities, and this deviation is such that the child requires rectification of his educational expertise or needs and special educational programmes able to cater to the minimum requirement of his developmental growth.

He said that based on this definition, the abnormal child could be mentally overprivileged, possess speech or language problems, suffer from hearing or seeing disabilities, physical incapacity, and mental retardation.

"Such children are provided with decent attention in Kuwait," Abdullah said. He added that all abnormal children in Kuwait are provided with high-level educational, health, social, cultural and sports services, extended by special

government establishments, besides charity societies.

Despite the moral and material support pumped into the institutions where disabled or abnormal children are looked after, there still exists many problems and which the fathers of ordinary children don't feel.

Specialists He said that these problems include the scarcity of specialists in the field of care technologies for the handicapped, and this covers the fields of diagnosis, treatment and other related services. This shortage is not just common in Kuwait but also in the whole Arab world, Abdullah said.

He added that there is a similar shortage in the output of research and studies in the same field, as the existing literature on disability is but translated versions of works done in different cultures.

He also said that the care and attention services extended to the handicapped must be aligned in their psychological and physical treatment of the child, within the limits of its valid powers and

abilities, and that these should enable this human being from leading a happy and normal life to the maximum extent possible, which means his effective rehabilitation to react to life and living in as much as possible.

He stresses the need to deal with these problems with due seriousness, as the existing institutions, schools or universities are not prepared nor designed to facilitate the movement of the disabled, and consequently the services offered to the disabled in all walks of life and different venues of living mirror the level of development of the country involved.

In such countries, there is a special engineering discipline called bio-engineering or rehabilitation engineering where the efforts of engineers, doctors and specialists combine to provide a convenient environment for the disabled to live and use convenient instruments and ultimately help them react naturally to daily living and those around to the highest degree possible.

Economy

Efforts beginning to pay dividends

KUWAIT, July 14, (Kuna): His Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah has reaffirmed the government's interest in implementing recommendations of a high-powered committee to reactivate the country's economy.

Sheikh Saad made the assertion during a meeting of the Supreme Planning Council which he chaired Wednesday, the council's secretary general Fuad Abdulrahman Mulla Hussein said in a statement.

The council reviewed a report on the 1990-95 five year development plan and heard another on the state's general budget for fiscal 1990-91, Hussain said.

Central Bank Governor Sheikh Salem Abdulaziz, head of the committee on economic reactivation, reported to the council on the committee's activities for the first half of the current year.

He outlined key problem areas, actions taken and the set of recommendations adopted for enhancing productivity and upgrading performance of the economic sector, he added.

Real Estate Union hopes to settle disputes

Over 12,000 flats empty in Kuwait

THE chairman of the Real Estate Owners Union Sheikh Nasser Saud Al Sabah has called on owners of commercial and investment real estate to join the union because it can serve their interests and defend their rights when it came to settling real estate disputes.

In an interview with the Real Estate Bulletin, the official was quoted as saying that the concept of restricting investments in buildings will negatively affect land prices.

The official however called for the prevention of leases in ideal civic areas because this practice has resulted in over 12,000 leases in other areas of Kuwait which were originally meant for commercial and investment purposes.

Sheikh Nasser has on the other hand undertaken to defend the rights of real estate owners through committees which may be formed for the settlement of real estate disputes. He pointed out that the settling of disputes out of court by the union will alleviate the burden of judicial authorities and help save time, money and energy.

Co-operation

He said that the union was striving to enhance co-operation among real estate owners, and will help putting forwards owners' complaints before the state. He added that with regard to disputes which may arise between owners and tenants, the union will form a specialised committee which will group experts to solve the disputes instead of resorting to the court. This idea had been debated with the minister of justice and he approved it, Sheikh Nasser said.

In the past there was a specialised committee formed to solve disputes among merchants. This committee still works but within the framework of the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and

Industry, Sheikh Nasser pointed out.

Meanwhile, the official has expressed hope that the union will be effective in solving problems which may face real estate owners. He pointed out that the union will issue a monthly report about its activities and the related problems.

On the other hand, the official has confirmed the feasibility of linking real estate owners with the union. He pointed out to a suggestion in this respect which had been submitted to the minister of state for municipal affairs and the minister of justice that no real estate owner will be given the necessary licence unless he was member of the union. The ministers had pledged to discuss this issue, he added.

Sheikh Nasser clarified that private houses will not be covered by the union's service, as these houses were legally not supposed to be rented out.

He pointed out that the revision of the current lease law fell within attempts aimed at reactivating the national economy. He further added that the law contains a lot of loopholes and a meeting which was attended by a group of real estate owners, real estate companies and representatives from the Chamber of Commerce and Industry had discussed the possibility of revising this law. This idea was conveyed to the Ministry of Justice. He added that the Ministry of Justice in turn had consulted law scholars and Kuwait Engineers Society and the new law may be enacted by the end of this year.

Speaking of empty flats, the official said there were about 12,000-14,000 empty flats in the country and this was not an easy problem. He added that it would not be possible to prevent landlords from constructing new buildings as a solution to this

problem. He pointed out that this issue had been discussed with HH the Crown Prince and Premier who had been told that the suspension of building licences may result in lower prices and this will constitute a dangerous problem for landlords. He added that the suspension of construction may result in investors refraining from using their funds in this sector and will eventually lead the landlord to press the government to expropriate their land.

Rents

He referred to the rent phenomenon which currently prevails in the ideal civic areas, clarifying that if such a phenomenon disappears the number of the empty flats will be automatically reduced.

Sheikh Nasser added union had studied a special law with the Kuwait Municipality giving the relevant owners a period of grace of one to two years to correct their illegal position represented by renting out their house in the ideal civic areas.

Speaking of bachelors accommodation, the official said that this section included several denominations like labourers, engineers and physicians. He pointed out that it was not possible to unify the law which may deal with this problem. He added that there were some areas which had been allocated for bachelors but it would not accommodate all of these denominations.

Speaking of the height of buildings in the commercial areas, the official denied that the relevant limit was fair to real estate investors in view of the high prices of the land in the city.

He clarified that in some areas in Kuwait City licensed buildings should not exceed 20 floors height, while in some areas such as Salmiya the construction area should not exceed 50 per cent of the relevant land area with six floors height.

From the courts

Investigations on for rape of minor

THE Public Prosecution is conducting investigations into the case of an accused who is alleged to have raped a minor girl in her bedroom. The court was told that the accused was having an affair with the victim's mother. However, the mother broke off relations and the accused threatened to molest her daughter in retaliation. On the day of the incident, the accused allegedly entered the bedroom of the minor girl and after raping her, decamped with a video.

Bank employee acquitted: The Criminal Court acquitted a bank employee who had been accused of forgery.

The court was told that the defendant, working as deputy manager at one of the local banks, had signed a payment voucher of KD258 which represented the interest on the account of a customer, but had mistakenly credited it to the account of another. The court took into consideration that the mistake was genuine and was not intended in any way to defraud the bank and on his deliberation acquitted the employee.

Abuse of power ruling withheld: The Criminal Court has refrained from ruling in a case where a brother was indicted of using the abrogated power-of-attorney issued for him by his brother to sell the latter's car.

The court heard that the two brothers were at logger-heads for years and that each was trying to get even with the other, after the brotherly love that once existed between them was lost.

The court decided not to rule against the brother because their dispute was the result of family matters and because he had no previous criminal record. However, he was ordered to submit a written pledge without guarantee to observe good conduct for a period of one year.

Kuwaiti drug pusher arrested: Securitymen in Hawalli have arrested a drug-pusher and confiscated a piece of hashish hidden under his 'traditional Kuwaiti headwear,' and a hashish-filled cigarette in his pocket.

The suspect was arrested as he was delivering the contraband to an undercover police officer who posed as a potential buyer and paid him KD100 in marked notes.

The suspect told his interrogator that another suspect was the source of his contraband, but upon arrest and questioning of the second suspect no evidence was found of his involvement.

The court sentenced the first to four years in jail with hard labour, fined him KD4,000 and ordered him to pay a customs fine of KD3 and had the contraband confiscated.

The court acquitted the second suspect.

Kuwaiti car thieves caught: The CID men at the Hawalli Governorate arrested seven Kuwaiti nationals on charges of stealing several cars. The defendants also threatened a man while they were trying to steal a motorcycle, but they were arrested. During investigations they confessed they stole three cars and their contents beside stealing more 15 cars in Sabah Al Salem suburb and 6 cars in Bayan area. They guided security men to the place of the stolen cars. The defendants were referred to the relevant authorities.

Three years for stealing pen: The Criminal Court sentenced a man to three years imprisonment with hard labour followed by deportation on the charge of stealing a gold plated pen.

The convict, who was working at the Justice Palace as a night guard, forced open the drawer of an employee at the Justice Palace and stole a gold plated pen. On the next day, when the employer entered his office he discovered the incident and reported the case to the police station.

Man ordered to pay KD300,000: The Criminal Court has ordered a man to pay KD300,000 to a woman against a cheque he issued in her favour as repayment of a loan he took from her during the stock-exchange business operation.

The court heard that the defendant had lost a cheque signed by him but no figure was established, and that the cheque, subject of the case, was signed by him, but the details of the figure were written by another. The court disregarded his story and ordered the repayment of the amount.

Drug user sentenced: A man was sentenced in absentia by Kuwait's Criminal Court for 20 months with hard labour on a charge of having one piece of hashish, weighing about 1.72 gramme, for personal use, a local daily reported.

It added that the accused acknowledged before the Public Prosecution that he purchased the contraband against a sum of KD50. Meanwhile, the daily added that the culprit had been fined an amount of KD200 in addition to customs duties of KD5 and that the contraband has been confiscated.

Workers get 5 years RI: The Criminal Court sentenced three workers to five years rigorous imprisonment on the charge of stealing pipes from their company. The court also ordered their deportation after execution of the sentence.

The court heard that the three defendants stopped their truck full of sewage pipes used by the company in its project outside the company's store. The store's guard heard a strange movement in the truck. He saw the three criminals carrying the pipes and putting them in the truck. The defendants also noticed the guard. Two of them fled from the scene while a third was caught by the guard. A CID officer living near the company's store heard the guard whistling so he rushed to the place and arrested the defendant. He told the CID men about his two friends who were arrested later. The three defendants admitted to the charge. They also confessed they had previously stolen sewage pipes from the company. They guided the police to place of the stolen pipes.

Liquor smuggler gets 5 years: The Criminal Court sentenced a smuggler to five years rigorous imprisonment on the charge of smuggling liquor. The court asked him to pay KD5,000 as a customs fine. The court heard that a border patrol was suspicious two cars coming from the Iraqi-Kuwaiti border. The patrol followed these cars, which suddenly disappeared. But the patrol followed tracks of the two cars that led to a hole filled with 52 cartons of whiskey. The patrol continued following the cars until they reached a bedouin tent.

The owner of the tent (defendant) was not there at the time. But the patrol inspected a shed near the tent and found 39 cartons of liquor. The guards later arrested the defendant and one of his relatives. The latter denied the charge and claimed he was visiting his uncle (defendant) and did not know about the smuggled liquor. The court condemned the defendant and acquitted the other man.

Three months RI for theft: The Court of First Instance sentenced one man to three months rigorous imprisonment to be followed by deportation on the charge of theft.

The court heard that the defendant entered his girlfriend's house with one of his friends while the girl's father was out of the house. The girl's sister was also in the house at that time. The defendant pretended to go to the kitchen to drink water but he rushed to the bedroom where he stole an amount of KD140 and a small piece of gold worth KD20 belonging to his girlfriend's father. The theft was discovered when the father returned. The father notified police, who arrested the suspect.

Lead free petrol stations planned to combat pollution from vehicles

GENERAL Secretary of the Environment Protection Council, Ibrahim Hadi has said that resolving the pollution problem resulting from vehicle exhausts is not an easy matter and requires joint efforts of several authorities.

Interviewed by a local daily, he added that the report presented to the Council of Ministers regarding the production of lead free petrol was dis-

tributed to the Ministry of Oil, Kuwait Municipality and the Ministry of Commerce and Industry for review. He pointed out that GCC states are co-ordinating the setting up of a unified date to present the service of gasoline stations selling lead free petrol and closing down the current type of gasoline stations gradually.

He indicated that the Ministry of Commerce formed a committee to set

special specification for vehicles exhaust systems. Meanwhile, the General traffic Department is conducting studies on technically monitoring vehicles after the issuance of such specifications.

He stated that daily monitoring and broadcast stations distributed in the country played an important role in providing required data in order to give a comprehensive picture of the

problem.

He pointed out that the council budget is KD 3 million annually and this amount is spent on research and environmental studies in addition to awareness programmes, laboratories and monitoring stations.

He indicated that the Environmental Protection Council does not own the budget for the implementation of its proposals and projects but rather has a

supervisory and control role.

Regarding the Qurain wastes dump area, Ibrahim stated that government authorities have gained experience by dealing with this problem which will play an important role in avoiding such problems in the future. He pointed out that the Environmental Protection Council proposed to the Ministry of Housing to make the Qurain wastes dump area public garden and car parking lot.

He stressed that waste dumps will increase in the future after the establishment of the Organic Fertilizers Company which will manufacture fertilisers from household waste in addition to manufacturing paper.

He stated that the distribution of industrial projects will decrease pollution rates adding that awareness among citizens and residents is very important in fighting pollution.

Handwritten text in Arabic script, possibly a signature or note.

Islamic Solidarity Fund celebrates 16th anniversary

Finance for OIC activities

PERMANENT council member of the Islamic Solidarity Fund, Yousef Mohammed Al Awadhi has said that the fund plays an important role in expressing solidarity and financing activities of the Organisation of Islamic Conference. He added that many future projects will be achieved by the fund which is considered to be one of the most important organisations working towards serving Islamic

issues adopted by the organisation.

Awadhi who headed the previous permanent council for the fund said that ten years have passed since the foundation of the fund which has proven its credibility and effectiveness in presenting quantum services for the interest of Islamic societies in addition to financing cultural, social and spiritual activities. Fund activities include educational and cultural fields in

addition to encouraging scientific and technical research and establishing Islamic universities.

Awadhi stated that the fund has presented assistance to four areas including Africa, the Middle East, Asia, Europe and the Americas. Such assistance have been classified according to sectors consisting of 86 mosques, 14 hospitals, one hundred and thirty seven schools, 56 universities,

498 educational centres, 20 camps, and 13 educational sessions.

He added that the fund followed all possible facilities to obtain financial resources required to finance its annual budget. Among these facilities was holding sessions during Islamic summit conferences or international conferences. He stated that the fund is now celebrating its 16th anniversary.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Amiri cables

KUWAIT, July 14, (Kuna): His Highness the Amir today sent a cable to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein congratulating him on the national day of his country.

His Highness also sent a congratulatory cable to French President Francois Mitterrand on the national day of his country.

Amir receives

KUWAIT, July 14, (Kuna): His Highness the Amir today received His Highness Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdulla and Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed.

Salem leaves

KUWAIT, July 14, (Kuna): Central Bank Governor Sheikh Salem Abdel Aziz today left here on an official visit for Malaysia, which starts Tuesday.

Magnetic cards

KUWAIT, July 14, (Kuna): The Communications Ministry today said that it has introduced a service, through which the public can make international calls from public phones by using magnetic cards.

A press statement added that the ministry will install these booths in several public places to enable many of those who do not own their telephone to call their relatives abroad.

It indicated that the ministry is also ready to provide this service to any party, saying that priority will be given to places of high population density and commercial centres.

The telephone cards will be available at special centres and near places where this service is provided.

Housing proposals

The Minister of State for Housing Affairs Yahia Al Sumait has said he is ready to accept any proposal or notice that helps shorten the period that citizens wait till they get their government houses. He added that he is ready to receive and discuss all ideas and studies coming from concerned people specially the private sector. He also added that he is ready to receive citizens who have complaints about housing services. He added that one of his priorities will be the studying of participation of private sector in offering housing services for citizens and to shorten the period of waiting before getting a house. He stressed on the importance of having a formula to enable the private sector to contribute in offering the service in the near future.

Municipal issues

THE Municipal Affairs Committee is waiting for the outcome of several important issues which will be presented during its coming meeting which will be headed by the State Minister for Municipal Affairs, Fahad Abdullah Al Hassawi.

One of the members at the committee stated that the coming season will witness the presentation of several important issues connected with citizen needs and requirements from all service utilities. Such utilities include appropriations, and modernisation of some utilities and services.

He explained that final sessions for the committee witnessed the presentation of some important discussions like the construction system for commercial and investment buildings and the delay in the establishment of Jahra slaughter house.

Weather

TEMPERATURE remains above normal with light to moderate north westerly wind.
State of sea: Slight to Moderate
High water: 4.50 am, 5.00 pm
Low water: 10.00 am, 11.00 pm
Sunset: 6.49 pm
Maximum temperatures recorded:
Kuwait: 47°C 117°F
Ahmad: 41°C 106°F
Fahala: 41°C 106°F
Maximum temperatures expected:
Kuwait: 48°C 118°F
Ahmad: 42°C 108°F
Fahala: 42°C 108°F
Minimum temperatures recorded:
Kuwait: 29°C 84°F
Ahmad: 34°C 93°F
Fahala: 30°C 86°F
Maximum humidity recorded:
Kuwait: 19 per cent
Ahmad: 66 per cent
Fahala: 50 per cent.



Injured pilgrims

Saudi Arabia's Health Minister Faisal Bin Abdul Aziz Al Heiallan (left) and his Turkish counterpart Halli Sigin (centre) watch as an injured Turkish national is carried onboard a hospital plane bound for Turkey Friday, after suffering injuries in the tunnel disaster in Makkah July 2.

Child abuse

Parental brutality must be exposed: paediatrician

DR LUIZ O.J. of the Paediatrics Division at the Mubarak Al Kabeer Hospital has strongly stressed the need to expose parental brutality against children, as children suffer a great deal of torture at the hands of parents behind the walls of the house.

She told a local daily that children in Kuwait are subjected to two types of torture, direct torture through beating up, burning, biting or sexual assault and indirect torture through failure to provide minimum level of nutritional, health and psychological care, the latter being the most common type.

She said that doctors could identify these cases through various methods, mainly the lack of collaboration of the account given by both parents, and other ways include the marks of torture on the body of the child, such as the tiny holes of pins, lash or bite marks or even cigarette burns which are quite incredible to believe.

She added that wounds are sometimes discovered on the genitals of children which raise suspicions that they are victims of sexual abuse by members within their families.

She blamed the use of beating as a means of

punishment by parents or a way for setting children on the right path. She said that the strong emotional outbursts through which the parent takes vent of accumulated living problems or mounting pressure, sometimes lead to infliction of serious injury on the child.

She said that unfortunately some parents still preferred boys to girls in Arab societies. This often leads to the girl being neglected by her parents in early developmental stages of her life, adding that the negligence could result in nutritional underdevelopment of the girl child or lack of adequate attention.

She said that in certain cases children die of torture or live their lives with permanent disability or with long-lasting psychological disorder, which at times cause the child to develop an aggressive nature that eventually find expression on his peers.

She said that she had seen a few cases in which the dead children were suspected of having been victims of torture. She added that the number of cases that frequently come to the hospital rings the danger bell and require active measures by the relevant authorities to protect children from parental brutalities.

NC to discuss charter tomorrow

By Lima Al Khalafawi
Arab Times staff

THE Secretary and Controller of Kuwait's National Council will be elected by its members tomorrow, its deputy speaker Rashed Al Jweiri told the Arab Times.

He also said the council will meet tomorrow to discuss the draft of the Internal Charter, which organises the working of the council.

Deputy Speaker Rashed Al Jweiri told the Arab Times that the Internal Charter Committee will submit its proposals for debate.

Jweiri said the committee has prepared 120 articles for the charter. Other recommendations will also be made regarding the formation of different council committees.

The Internal Charter Committee has been holding regular meetings to hasten the completion of the charter. He said they hope to complete discussions this week (Tuesday and Wednesday) to finalise the internal charter.

Despite Jweiri's busy schedule, he held separate meetings with 25 citizens to sort out their problems ranging from health, unemployment to municipal services.

Bahrain plans to export dhows

MANAMA, July 14, (AP): Bahrain's traditional dhows will soon hit world markets starting with the United States, a tourism official disclosed today.

Ahmed Amin Al Khaja, superintendent of tourism exhibitions, said that the export plan was part of a master scheme to salvage a dying industry, already classified by Bahrain as a handicraft.

Dhows, low-sided sloops which the Gulf has used from the earliest days of seafaring to plough the waters, are hand-made wooden boats similar to the ancient Egyptian and Greek reed boats.

These boats provided the bread and butter of sea-captains and dhow-builders for generations. Sea-captains used these single-masted boats for trade, for deep-sea fishing, pearl-diving and cruising. Or to carry passengers across the Gulf especially during the Islamic haj pilgrimage season to Makkah.

Dhow business in Bahrain almost stopped after the inauguration of the Bahrain-Saudi Arabia Causeway in 1986, following the virtual end of pearling that once flourished here. The dhow industry is now striving for existence.

"We're taking steps toward helping balance the loss," Al Khaja told the Associated Press. He said the Bahrain Tourism Projects Co., which will handle the exports, has also begun renting dhows to companies, banks, schools and government offices in Bahrain for BD150 (\$450) for eight hours.

Offer

"Soon this offer will be open to the public," Khaja said. Elaborating on export plans, he said world-wide promotion campaigns were under way, and that responses came from Australia as well as the United States. But he refused to specify the interested parties.

The seaway boats, made practically only of teak planking and hemp, in Bahrain cost between BD40,000 to 80,000 (\$120,000 - \$240,000), he noted.

"Some people are expected to buy these boats because they are interested collectors of ancient skills and antiques," Khaja said. "Others will actually use them for fishing and cruising."

The boats can carry 60 people at a time. They are strongly built and can last for almost a 100 years. Builders use wood imported from India and Nepal, using simple non-electric tools.

Khaja noted that it took 11-2 years to complete a large dhow, and six months for a small one, needing six builders to spend hours building it. The more recently built dhows, and probably the ones that will be ordered for export, are well-equipped, with life-savers, radios, compasses and other equipment.

The dhow weighs 10 tons, sometimes reaching 50 tons, depending on the size. The length of the sail is 11-2 times longer than the dhow itself.

Profits up at utilities company

THE Public Utilities Management Company has made net profits in 1989 reaching KD 970,730, compared to KD 329,884 made in 1988, with an increase of KD 640,846 and a percentage of 194.2 per cent.

The seventh annual report of the company reviewed the achievements of the company in 1989 which culminated in the construction of 29 multi-storey and surface carparks up to the end of 1989.

The future projects of the company, outlined by the report, included the construction of four surface carparks inside Kuwait City, which are expected to be ready sometime during the next year.

Tender

The company also manages markets and workshops in Wafra and Khiran and a construction tender has already been awarded to a local contractor for building a number of commercial workshops in Wafra with a duration of 185 days.

The statement of profits and losses reveals a positive turn in the company's business output as a result of the efficient exploitation of the different carparks facilities, used-cars market, bachelors towns, gold and stock exchange markets. Derwazet Abdul Razaq tunnel and others, where the returns increased by 110 per cent than the previous year.

Restaurant in poisoning case closed

THE Acting Director General of Kuwait Municipality, Sheikh Jaber Al Ali inspected the restaurant to determine the causes into the recent food-poisoning of 30 Chinese labourers who had partaken of their meals there.

The official visited the food department branch of the Fahaheel area and followed it up with a visit to the restaurant at Mina Abdullah area which served food to the labourers.

According to reports, the eating establishment was unlicensed, the cause of poisoning is attributed to consuming some contaminated sea food.

In a related development, municipal inspectors have discovered about one tonne of inedible food in the area, including some inedible chicken and meat which were all immediately destroyed.

The restaurant has been ordered closed and all the effected labourers were treated at Al Adan and Al Ahmadi Hospitals.

Sheikh Jaber Al Ali also paid an inspection visit to the Al Moeriya Area and Al Jahran Sporting Club and also followed it up with a visit to Sector C2 of Al Qusair Area. The official confirmed that his tour is intended to familiarise himself with the services extended to the citizens in the area, including basic services such as electricity, water and cleanliness. He added that he will be communicating with other authorities concerned, concerning completion of other services. He called on citizens to co-operate with authorities concerned and not to undertake any work which may undermine their residences.

The official called on authorities at the cleanliness department to conduct periodic checks to ensure cleanliness in the area and to remove all abandoned cars and vehicles and to impose strict penalties against violators. He also gave instructions to have all construction debris removed from the area.

Economy improving steadily, says KIC board chairman

Trust gradually returns

THE chairman of the board and managing director of Kuwait Investment Company Hamad Mohammad Al Bahr has said that the year 1989 witnessed considerable fluctuation in the growth of inflation, commodities, interest and foreign currencies exchange rates.

He told a local daily, upon submission of the company's annual report for the year 1989 that the prevailing circumstances have created a great challenge for the company. He added that Kuwait witnessed a distinguishable economic boom at the outset of the decade which came to an end with the Manakh crisis in 1982 and required intensive efforts to sort out the resultant negative effects.

The state of uncertainty characterising the prevalent economic situation has acquired added momentum due to the political developments in the Gulf region, particularly the Iraq-Iran ceasefire, Bahr said.

He added that open-market events that swept through Eastern Europe ushered in a new political and economic phase, which is believed to have far-reaching effects the international level.

He said that Kuwait succeeded at the inception of the new decade to sort out Manakh related problems and this put the local economy on the track of steady improvement, backed up by rising oil prices and the increase of Kuwait's production quota within the ceiling limits set for Opec countries.

He said that the recommendations adopted by the Joint Economic Committee in early December 1989 came to open up better vistas for stabler and more efficient economic performance.

Bahr described the company's business level during 1989 as generally good due to the favourable international conditions, in the light of steady economic growth, adding that the related growth in companies, profits enabled the consolidation of the world stock exchange markets.

He said that the developments in the local oil sector promoted the improving performance of the local economy during 1989, and due to the unexpected increase in the crude oil demand, oil prices increased substantially on international oil markets.

He pointed out that other positive factors that had strong effects on the Kuwaiti economy are particularly the gradual return of trust to the business and finance sectors and the improvement of chances for potential stability in the region.

He added that in the meantime the Kuwaiti government's economic policy concentrated on the need to step up economic growth and diversify the local economic base to ease up dependence in the oil sector.

Manpower
The government policy also laid heavy stress on the need to develop local manpower resources and pave the way for greater involvement of the private sector in economic activity.

Meanwhile, economic performance has made further improvement, with the GDP growth rate estimated at over 5 per cent, compared with the initial growth estimate at 3.6 per cent.

Consequently, he added, it is estimated that the oil sector has comparatively grown at twice the growth rate of non-oil sectors, which is primarily attributable to the oil production increase and

associated price rise.

He stressed that despite financial deficits encountered over the few past years, the general financing sources in Kuwait remained in a good position. With the positive response of ministries and government establishments to the rationalisation of public spending and owing to the increase of oil revenues above the expected levels, the actual deficit recorded in 1987/88 was far lower than the anticipated deficit level in the national budget.

He added that the final accounts revealed a remarkable decrease in the deficit value from KD 1.376 millions anticipated in the national budget to an actual deficit value of KD 779 millions, and the same figure drops considerably to only KD 554 millions after subtraction of the amount earmarked for the Poverty Research Fund.

Deficit
According to data published by the Kuwait Central Bank in 1988/89, the value of the deficit is far less than that of the estimated deficit in the national budget, he said.

He went on to say that the rapid developments in the oil sector have had a positive impact on Kuwait's commercial balance, and that with the rise of the oil exports volume and oil prices and the associated moderate increase in the imports size, it is estimated that the commercial surplus must have increased over its level of KD 446 million in 1988 to KD 700 million in 1989.

He added, similarly, the surplus in the current account increased by an estimated amount of KD 1,400 million, marking an increase above its level of KD 1,315 million in 1988.

14-year-old father jailed for 5 years

THE Criminal Court has sentenced a 14-year-old boy to five years in jail and order him to pay KD1,000 as temporary compensation to the uncle of a 14-year old girl with whom he had illicit sex that left her with a child.

The court heard that the boy knew the girl at an early age while they were intermediate school students, and their relationship developed over a whole year during which they exchanged torrid love letters, and went on rendezvous.

One night they arranged to meet and she invited him into her uncle's flat where she stayed, and the crime took place. Her condition was not discovered until the uncle had to hospitalise her for abdominal pains when he learnt to his astonishment that the girl was 36 weeks pregnant and later gave birth to a 2.640 kg baby.

Positive result

The court referred the boy to the Family Planning Centre to confirm his virility. The results were positive and the conclusion reached by the court after a subsequent blood test for the girl, the boy and the child confirmed that he actually was the father of the baby.

Meanwhile, the Criminal Court sentenced a youth at the secondary education stage to five years imprisonment on the charge of committing adultery with a girl student.

The father of the girl reported to the police station that his daughter had escaped from his house because she knew that he found some pictures of her and her lover inside her closet.

The girl who was a student at the secondary educational stage left her father's house to stay with a friend of hers. The father of her friend took the girl to the police station where the girl confessed that she was involved with the boy in a sexual relationship for months. The boy was then arrested and taken to the police station.

Sri Lankan domestic commits suicide

A SRI Lankan maid committed suicide in the Rabia area by jumping out of the window of the 3rd floor apartment of her employer's house, a local daily said.

The daily added that the maid had left her sponsor and had worked for another employer for a brief period, but had returned to work for her original sponsor.

Investigations are under progress to determine the cause of the incident, though no details have been released.

Slashed tyres

CITIZENS in Block No. 10 at Jabriya area were astonished to see that the car tyres had all been slashed with a knife and were damaged beyond repair.

They have collectively reported the incident to the local police stations and investigations are in progress to apprehend the perpetrator(s).



Traffic meeting

The director of Capital Traffic Department Col. Musaed Al Qattan met with representatives of Rent-a-car offices in Kuwait on behalf of director-general of General Traffic Administration. The meeting aimed at organising relations between the GTD and these offices.

Sacrifice project in occupied territories successful

THE chairman of Palestine Charity Committee Dr. Amin Al Agha has said that the committee based in Kuwait received reports from Occupied Territories that the sacrifice project of this year was successful. He added that the committee sent \$856,120 this year to cover costs of 6,295 sacrifices to be distributed among Palestinians in cities, villages and camps of West Bank and Gaza Strip. He added that people in

Kuwait contributed in paying costs of the sacrifices of Eid Al Adha.

On the other hand, Agha said that the committee distributed \$81,600 as Eid gift for Palestinian children in camps of West Bank and Gaza Strip beside \$136,000 sent for Palestinian orphans there on the occasion of Eid Al Adha.

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Thought for today

A SIMPLE life is its own reward — George Santayana, Spanish poet-philosopher (1863-1952).

Govt makes concessions

Sandinistas determined

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, (AP): Emboldened by their latest strike, the leftist Sandinistas appear more determined than ever to make good on their promise to "govern from below."

"This is just the beginning," the party newspaper Barricada vowed in an editorial, a feeling echoed less jubilantly by Nicaragua's private sector.

A 10-day strike ended Thursday, the second major walkout by public employees since President Violeta Barrios de Chamorro and her conservative administration took office April 25.

The strikes forced Chamorro to grant broad concessions on wages and job security for government employees and to put on hold parts of her plan to return Nicaragua to a free market economy.

They also deepened her estrangement with the private sector, once a cornerstone of support.

Concessions

Gilberto Cuadra, head of the nation's leading business group, the Superior Council of Private Enterprise, said Chamorro's concessions will only encourage labour unrest.

"The campaign of strikes will continue," he said.

The Sandinistas "are trying to govern behind the scenes. But the reality is that they aren't governing nor are they allowing anyone else to govern," he said.

The latest strike culminated in four days of violence that claimed at least four lives. Paving-stone barricades fortified by burning tires and armed strikers paralysed the city. Gunfire crackled across the capital.

In the countryside, where the planting season was underway, farm workers struck, diminishing hopes for the bumper export crops upon which economic recovery depends.

At the same time, Chamorro came under attack from her own Vice-President, Virgilio Godoy, and the private sector. The president, they charged, was buckling under Sandinista pressure.

Faced with chaos in the streets, Chamorro settled the strike on leftist terms. And faced with revolt in the conservative ranks, she called for a dialogue on governing policy.

When the dust had settled, the Sandinistas were claiming victory. "Workers have achieved ratification of union participation in the decisions that affect the economic life of the country," Barricada claimed.

Former president Daniel Ortega was blunt. "One must deal with Sandinismo, with the revolution, to have stability in this country," he said.

Vowed

After Chamorro's landslide victory in Feb 25 elections, Ortega vowed that the Sandinistas would "govern from below" to block any attempt to dismantle more than a decade of revolutionary policy.

Chamorro's conservative economic recovery plan is much criticised on the left. She has said she plans to privatise state-owned businesses and return farmland confiscated after the 1979 revolution while trimming the 65,000-person state payroll.

Most of those plans have been altered by the concessions made in the two strikes.

The president's advisors blame the Sandinistas for planting the seeds of crisis in the two months between their election loss and Chamorro's inauguration on April 25.

The Sandinistas armed tens of thousands of people, urging them to "defend the conquests of the revolution."

They halted the frequent currency devaluations as the amount of money in circulation rose sharply, Central Bank records indicate.

The Sandinistas also passed laws legalising strikes and guaranteeing the jobs of thousands of public sector workers.

When Chamorro took office, she inherited a bankrupt government, a near worthless currency and a huge payroll. Her government has devalued the cordoba more than 20 times and plans to issue a new currency on par with the dollar.

Control

The Sandinistas, who control two of the nation's three daily newspapers and two-thirds of its radio stations, have opposed her every move.

They called the new currency as something only for the rich, deplored the rising cost of living and declining value of the currency.

But strikes — something illegal under the Sandinistas — have been their most potent weapon.

In addition to the two public employee walkouts, there has been far less visible unrest in the countryside. Sandinistas farm workers have staged walkouts and taken over more than 30 private plantations.

The strike accord Chamorro signed this week puts on hold her plan to return confiscated farmland.

It is this clause that the Sandinistas claim as their greatest victory of the strike and that the business community regards as Chamorro's greatest betrayal.

But the accord only puts the plan — central to reviving the economy — on hold. It doesn't cancel it. And Chamorro is expected to try to reactivate the programme at a later date.

If she does, Ortega warned, she will have to contend with thousands of Sandinista workers.

The battle lines have been drawn.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1601 — Austria's Archduke Albert, with Spanish force, begins siege of Ostend.

1685 — Duke of Monmouth is beheaded in England for his part in rebellion.

1789 — France's King Louis XVI is awakened and told that his authority has collapsed with the fall of the Bastille.

1801 — France and Papacy sign concordat whereby French Ecclesiastics are to be appointed by government and merely confirmed by pope.

1822 — Turkish invasion of Greece begins, and Turks overrun peninsula north of gulf of Corinth but later are forced to retreat.

1857 — British women and children, taken by Indians at Kanpur in India, are murdered.

1893 — Matabele stage uprising against rule of British South Africa Company.

1909 — Mohammed Ali Shah of Persia, is deposed in favour of Sultan Ahmad Shah, age 12.

1945 — Italy declares war on Japan, its former axis partner, in World War II.

1948 — UN Security Council orders truce in Palestine.

1958 — United States dispatches troops to Lebanon at request of president Chamorro; South Africa resumes full membership in United Nations.

1965 — US Mariner IV spacecraft sends to earth first closeup photographs of planet Mars.

1974 — Greek officers of army in Cyprus oust Archbishop Makarios from Presidency.

1975 — America's Apollo and Soviet Union's Soyuz spacecraft blast into orbit for rendezvous in space.

1988 — Afghan rebels blast capital city of Kabul with rockets, killing 20 people and wounding 24 others.

1989 — China's government steps up campaign to isolate nation from outside reports critical of crackdown on dissent.



Gorbachev (R) speaking to Ryzhkov on the last day of 28th party congress. (Reuter wirephoto)

West wants Gorbachev in power

E. Europe indifferent to Soviet Union

VIENNA: One of the most surprising impressions I carry away from a visit to Eastern Europe is the difference in outlook on President Mikhail Gorbachev's future as compared to that in Washington or London. President George Bush and Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher are deeply committed supporters of the Soviet leader. They credit him with the profound changes that are and have been taking place in the Soviet Union and they fear that his demise would lead to reversals of policy, to gains by the conservatives and to the kind of retrogression that would undermine the progress achieved toward democracy and economic reforms now under way.

They have come to know Gorbachev, they like him as a human being and a reformer and they trust him — an extraordinary achievement considering the deeply ingrained distrust toward the Soviets in the West. In fact, it is hard to believe that Western leaders should want to help a Soviet leader to stay in power. But Gorbachev, at least as of now, is the only Soviet leader they see as capable of introducing the kind of reforms necessary to improve life for the ordinary citizen in the Soviet Union and to reduce the role of the Communist Party and the military in the interest of international peace.

What I found most interesting in talking to Poles, Czechs and Hungarians is that they are not as worried about Gorbachev's political survival as are, for instance, Bush and Thatcher. The reasons are threefold.

Firstly, they do not believe that any successor to Gorbachev can simply reverse the policies he introduced. He could slow them down, but the economic situation, which is catastrophic, demands basic reforms, even if they do not go as far as a free market economy. The KGB still seems to be the strongest and best organised institution left in the Soviet Union, but it is widely assumed that it could not return to its old, feared and hated methods.

Second: the East Europeans do not believe that any successor to Gorbachev could re-impose the kind of dominance the Soviet Union used to have over their territories (with the possible exception of the Bulgarians).

Their leaders are convinced that the retreat of Soviet power is irreversible, that not even the most ambitious military leader could restore the kind of control the Soviets used to have over Eastern Europe. Some Poles are worried that, as a concession to Moscow, Chancellor Helmut Kohl is willing to extend the presence of Soviet troops in Eastern Germany for another five years as a prize for their agreeing to a united Germany joining Nato, but it is hard to see how a Soviet military dictator could use that presence to re-establish control over Eastern Europe.

Thirdly, they believe that no Soviet leader would want to isolate the Soviet Union from the rest of Europe and it is for that reason that they strongly support the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE) which includes in its membership the Soviet Union. They therefore want to equip it with a permanent secretariat, with arms control duties and a role in settling conflicts. They, somewhat reluctantly, especially the Czechoslovak government, accept the necessity of prolonging the life of Nato as a deterrent to any Soviet adventurism. To the Poles the presence of American troops in Europe is reassuring to their own security, but to President Havel of Czechoslovakia it is a complicating factor.

He believes that the presence of American troops makes it more difficult to reach an overall settlement among Europeans and that Europe cannot deal with its own problems and the Soviet Union as long as American troops remain on European soil. None of the other Eastern European governments seem to share this view. They find the American presence reassuring. They are also deeply troubled by their internal problems, caused by the new nationalism that is actually not new, in fact, it is often centuries old. It creates internal divisions on top of the massive economic problems.

Internal nationalism is a problem that is troubling to the Czechoslovak government because the Slovaks yearn for independence, in spite of the fact that they are well represented in Havel's new government, and to the Hungarians who are engaged in a controversy over the territory of Transylvania with the Romanians. The desire for independence, though, is strongest among the Slovenians who want total independence from Yugoslavia. At any rate, these problems of the new nationalism are not problems either the Americans or Nato would want to intervene in. They are for the Europeans to settle among themselves unless the Soviet Union would try to take advantage of these conflicts to advance its own interests. Then the presence of Nato might have

some important deterrent values.

What is perhaps most surprising in the current unsettled state of Europe is that in contrast to Kohl's view, a majority of West Germans favour the withdrawal of American troops from Germany and Europe. This is the kind of attitude that could spark a similar feeling among Americans, a feeling that Bush is trying to staunch because he believes that an American military presence in Europe is still essential to make sure that the gains the West achieved so far are not squandered. He is well aware that once American troops leave Europe it will be almost impossible to bring them back in case of a serious European crisis.

The internal dissension in the Soviet Union was made obvious by the deep divisions within the Soviet Communist Party at its 28th Congress and has made it somewhat easier for Nato to postpone major policy changes. But these changes will become inevitable, most officials involved in Nato affairs believe. After all, it is obvious that the cold war is over, that the Soviets are facing their most serious internal crisis since the revolution and that it will be difficult to give Nato a new political function to help maintain peace in Europe. Only a military coup, ousting Gorbachev could revive a sense of need for an indefinite prolongation of Nato's life.

Curiously, though, some of the Eastern European leaders are less worried about a possible demise of Gorbachev than are Western leaders. In the Czechoslovak government, for instance, he is seen more the leader of a very difficult transition than a long-term head of the government. Transitions, the Czech say, represent a very debilitating period for any leader, and especially in the Soviet Union.

Czech officials who have been to Moscow in the last few days told me of their surprise of how unpopular Gorbachev is among the people, who feel that living conditions have badly deteriorated since he came to power, among party members, who sense that he has weakened or undercut their power and influence, and within the politburo which is not anymore the decision-making body it used to be.

Having agreed to the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Eastern Europe, he has not only diminished the role of the Soviet army, but he has made it realise that there will soon be a great deal of unemployment among them and the need to learn different profes-

sions. Obviously, that has not added to his popularity among the military. His main support now comes from the KGB whose reputation for past brutalities persists, even though it has made special efforts to change that reputation.

The reason that these Czech officials are less worried about the prospects of Gorbachev's fall, is that they believe that none of his successors could avoid the kind of reforms he is trying to introduce. Leaders in charge of the kind of radical changes now essential in the Soviet Union, are usually devoured by the enormous resistance they have to overcome. And once it is overcome, they usually don't have the kind of staying power needed to carry out the reforms they themselves introduced.

None of the East European leaders or officials I talked to are willing to predict whether and how the Soviet Union will look like after it has overcome the current crisis. But the Czechs, for instance, believe that since the Soviets have become very prestige conscious, they should be treated with respect, even if they are losing the aura of a great power. It would be safer for all, they maintain, to include the Soviet Union in an overall European organisation, than to exclude them. Havel favours the CSCE organisation over the European Economic Community membership for two reasons: because it includes the Soviets and because Czechoslovakia is not a member of the EEC and because it will take some years before it could become a member of it. He might change his mind, though, it is my impression if the EEC extended very early membership to Czechoslovakia.

At any rate, Europe is in political turmoil and forces are at large that are hard to control. Nobody quite knows how a united Germany will affect events in Europe and nobody feels too comfortable about it, not even the West Germans. Nobody knows how the Soviet Union will manage to overcome its present economic crisis, for whatever help the West might give, will not be enough to even help the Soviet leadership to turn the corner. Nobody knows what will be left of the Soviet Union after the various demands for independence by some of its parts, are fulfilled. But I have no doubts, what I heard on this trip, that virtually every European approves and welcomes what is now happening in Eastern Europe — except the unrepentant communists.

Uncertain future for party

MOSCOW, (UPI): The Soviet Communist Party ended its 28th congress with brave words but an uncertain future in the vast land it had ruled with no legal political opposition for seven decades.

Mikhail Gorbachev, who won re-election as party chief at the 12-day conclave, sent the 4,683 delegates home Friday with fighting words in what may be the last blast of the rhetoric in which the party has always been rich, but which Soviet workers and housewives long ago stopped hearing.

"Those who counted on this being the last congress and the funeral of the Communist Party miscalculated," Gorbachev said. "The communist party lives and continues to live. It will make its historic contribution to the progress of our country and to the progress of world civilization."

Elections

But such proclamations will not win elections in the multi-party system that Gorbachev, the communists' mentor and political merlin, persuaded the party to sanction in February.

While the delegates were ending their convalescence by singing the International Workers' anthem claimants for the communist party's mantle were already lining up and its most radical sons were defecting.

The tiny faction called the Democratic Platform, which had demanded that the party ren-

ounce its communist heritage, announced it will hold a founding congress in the fall and formally split from the party.

Boris Yeltsin, the president of the Russian republic who quit the party Thursday, was joined Friday by the mayors of the two largest cities in the country, Leningrad and Moscow.

And for good measure, Leningrad Mayor Anatoli Sobchak has already thrown in his lot with the Democratic Platform, whose goal is to drive the conservative communists from their offices when full multi-party balloting begins.

Even as the strains of the Internationale were resounding through the Kremlin's cavernous Palace of Congresses, the "Vremya" television news programme was providing the latest gloomy statistics of those who have quit the Communist Party.

Disintegrating More than 136,000 members turned in their party cards in 1989, but in the first four months of this year more than 80,000 have bolted. Though still formidable at 19 million members, the party appears to be disintegrating, shorn of confidence and new ideas.

Gorbachev admonished the communists throughout the two-week assembly that they will now have to fight to retain power. His brilliant adviser, Alexander Yakovlev, warned them that "per-

Liberia

America aid is sought

MONROVIA, Liberia, (UPI): They stood in front of the United States embassy on a steamy wet afternoon and begged for help. There were about 5,000 people, mostly women, dancing, singing and carrying banners that said "America come to our aid."

The Rev. Samuel Reeves, a local clergyman, speaking in English that might have come right out of the Louisiana swamps, read the joint Christian-Muslim statement with tears in his eyes.

"We call on the international community, most especially the United States government to intervene in this unwholesome situation by providing a peace-keeping force that will protect lives and properties. We are dying," he said.

It was June 14 this year, the rebels were at the gate and elements of the Liberian Army had taken to murdering Monrovia's in their homes, chopping people up, blowing their brains out and leaving the corpses — or parts of them — in the street.

US Charge d'Affaires Dennis Jett looked embarrassed.

A few miles out to sea, as everyone in the country knew, a thousand-odd US Marines were working their tanks as they cruised to and fro in the heavy Atlantic swell. The embassy basketball court had been converted into a helicopter landing pad.

And Monrovia's Lebanese shopkeepers, owners of most of the video recorders in town, were making jokes about "Apocalypse Now," Francis Ford Coppola's Vietnam movie, where the airborne cavalry comes in over the Mekong Delta with Wagner's "Ride of the Valkyries" blasting out of the in-chopper hi-fi.

Very embarrassing indeed.

It has been since Grenada in 1983 that anyone actually asked the United States to send in the cavalry.

In the post-Vietnam Third World, the pleas of the common people of Liberia for rescue from their own government and their own rebels must be unique. Their faith in the Stars and Stripes is touching and pathetic.

Episode

It felt like an episode of "Star Trek," with Jett cast as Capt. Kirk beaming down off the ship to find an entire world that has copied planet Earth without understanding it, gotten into trouble with planet Earth's help and now needs rescuing.

Only this isn't "Star Trek." The rotting, mutilated bodies in the morgue are real. The men, women and children, mostly orphans, sheltering miserably by the thousand in churches, are real. There is no rice, little gasoline, not much water and only intermittent electricity. It is very unglamorous.

Least glamorous of all is that the cavalry is not coming and the only people likely to be beamed up at this stage are the staff of the embassy.

The United States will continue to do what it can to help Liberia and achieve the peace they want," Jett said. "But I must also point out that it is Liberians who are killing Liberians."

The dilemma for the United States over Liberia has a long history. It was the American colonisation society, with six other philanthropic groups, which bid the bright idea in 1822 of paying for freed slaves to return to Africa and found their own state.

Unfortunately, they picked the place with just about the worst climate and the least approachable coastline on the continent for this noble experiment.

Many of the 16,000-odd slaves who were sent were not exactly volunteers. Liberia became a dumping ground for trouble-makers and the trouble-makers wasted no time in applying the hard-learned principles of slavery to the indigenous population.

In 1930, the United States and Britain broke diplomatic relations with Liberia because of the government's appalling record on forced labour.

By 1950, however, 90 per cent of Liberia's exports, mainly rubber and iron ore, were moving to the United States.

That figure fell again, dramatically, in the 1960s and 1970s until, on April 12, 1980, Master Sgt. Samuel Kanyon Doe climbed over the gate of the executive mansion, put some bullets through President William Tolbert's head and within months negotiated a ten-fold increase in US aid.

The United States gave Liberia half a billion dollars between 1980 and 1985 while Doe imprisoned, tortured and executed his opponents into silence.

In 1986, after Doe won what was widely regarded as the decade's most rigged election, Washington lost patience and suspended assistance twice. The World Bank and the International Monetary Fund cut Doe off without a penny the same year after countless failures to repay debts and reports of dollars by the million wandering into private bank accounts.

In 1987, the proposed US allocation was cut by more than half and funding has dropped every year since.

There is a school of thought among Monrovia's that holds the United States responsible for the chaos and bloodshed in Liberia since rebel leader Charles Taylor, himself accused of "creative accounting" to the tune of \$900,000 in 1984, crossed the border from the Ivory Coast on Christmas Eve last year.

Many might argue that the United States should never have funded a president who staged executions for the TV cameras on the beach in Monrovia. The cynics say Washington looked the other way because Doe let it have a giant Voice of America transmitter station, threw out the Libyans, broke off relations with the Russians for a time and was very nice to the Israelis.

Likewise, once the Americans started the aid, should they have cut it so brutally?

There is an argument that says that the party is out of control, the Americans have run from their responsibilities. Worried about their image post-Vietnam, post-Iran hostages, post-Grenada and post-Panama, they lack the nerve to do what the French did only two months ago in Gabon: send in the paratroopers to sort things out.

The argument, however, appears to belong to the "Star Trek" picture.

Liberia wants things both ways. It sees the United States as all-powerful and all-protecting. It assumes Liberia has special significance.

Fed chairman signals interest rates to head lower

WASHINGTON, July 14, (AP): Federal Reserve Board chairman Alan Greenspan's suggestion that interest rates will head lower couldn't come at a better time for President George Bush.

In a rare public disclosure of the central bank's intentions, Greenspan told the Senate Banking Committee on Thursday the Fed may have to nudge rates down in response to mounting evidence that banks are being stung by loans.

That was a sharp reversal from his assessment only three weeks ago, when he said the lending squeeze hadn't yet developed into a broad-based credit crunch affecting the

national economy.

Whatever the reason, the shift in central bank policy is sure to please the president, who has been pushing for lower interest rates for months.

The administration needs lower rates to counteract the dampening effect on the economy if Congress and the White House lower spending and raise taxes as part of a budget deficit reduction pact.

A few days before the central bank's mid-year policy review on July 2 and 3, Treasury Secretary Nicholas F. Brady urged it not to wait for a budget agreement before cutting rates.

Bush mentioned the subject as recently as Wednesday in a news conference in Houston. Greenspan met earlier this week with worried Senate Republicans.

Business owners have been saying since last winter that banks have tightened lending standards in response to the Savings and Loan crisis, a softer economy and weakening real estate markets.

Greenspan said the first statistical evidence backing their contention may be emerging. He pointed to slow growth in the money supply and an increase in average interest rates on commercial loans.

"If that is in fact the case, it could have undesirable effects on the economy that the Federal Reserve would have to consider offsetting using monetary policy," he said.

Such a shift would produce "a very modest change in the level of the federal funds rate," the key rate banks charge among themselves for overnight loans, he said.

Stock and bond markets rallied after Greenspan's comments. The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks jumped 37.13 to 2,969.80 Thursday, a record high. It continued rising yesterday showing a 22.53 point gain at 2,992.33 by 11:30 am EDT (1530 GMT).

It is rare for the central bank chairman to so strongly signal the future direction of interest rates. Usually he declines comment on the subject or uses deliberately ambiguous language.

"I can't remember any Fed chairman ever doing something like this," said economist Michael K. Evans, a Washington-based consultant. "In my recollection this is an absolute first."

Evans pointed out that Greenspan's four-year term as chairman expires in 13 months. "I guess he's scared for his life... the implied threat (from the administration) is 'hey kid, if you want your job, play ball.'"

Nobody's as crude as that but that's what it amounts to," he said.

In response to a question about political pressure from Sen. Timothy Wirth, Greenspan said the Federal Reserve welcomed comments from the administration or anyone else who can supply new insight. But, he said, members of the Fed make their decisions independently.

Economist David Jones of Aubrey G. Landon and Co. Inc., a government securities dealer in New York, said Greenspan may indeed be feeling political heat, but he said he believes the chairman's concern about the credit crunch is genuine.

Stocks touch 3,000 with boost from Fed

Greenspan gets credit

NEW YORK, July 14, (AP): Using ammunition provided by the Federal Reserve, the stock market hit a lofty target this past week.

Shortly after 1:30 pm on Friday, the Dow Jones industrial average crossed the 3,000 level for the first time, reaching that landmark faster than even many bullish analysts thought possible just a few weeks ago.

Analysts gave Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve board, credit for making it happen when it did.

Greenspan surprised Wall Street's legion of Fed-watchers in a congressional appearance Thursday with what appeared to be a clear signal that the Fed was making a significant shift in credit policy.

He told the Senate Banking Committee that the central bank was ready to ease monetary conditions,



Dollar trading

Tokyo money dealers start dollar trading as an electronic sign flashes the opening rate in Tokyo of 147.35 yen, against 147.25/26 in New York. The dollar fell to as low as 147 yen in early trading on fears of an ease in US credit policy. (Reuters wirephoto)

fostering lower interest rates, in response to rising evidence of a squeeze on bank credit.

In so doing, he hinted strongly that the Fed had moved closer to mollifying critics in the Bush administration and on Wall Street who had been urging the central bank to take steps to avert a potential recession.

The response in the financial markets was immediate, as visions of more plentiful money and a stimulus to the sluggish economy sent traders scrambling to buy both stocks and bonds.

In addition, many analysts said, Greenspan's comments were taken as reassurance for investors who have been worrying that a stringent new approach among bank lending officers and regulators might put a choke-hold on the economy.

"I think the most important thing he said is to acknowledge that he is concerned about current lending practices in banking as we are," said Hugh Johnson at First Albany Corp. in Albany, New York. "We hadn't received that kind of acknowledgment before."

On Friday, activities by the Fed in the money markets appeared to confirm the message that it was seeking to encourage short-term interest rates to decline.

But with all those promising developments, observers said the markets still faced obstacles.

In the past, they noted, expressions of willingness from the Fed to try to avert recessions have not always meant immediate success on that score.

Furthermore, they added, any commitment by the central bank to easier credit could waver should the news of inflation start to turn uglier at any point.

The price of gold, widely regarded as a sensitive measure of inflationary expectations, sounded a faintly ominous note by rallying along with stocks and bonds on the prospect of stimulus by the Fed.

Still, stock-market investors made their endorsement of Greenspan's move easy to read. The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks closed Friday at 2,980.20, up 75.25 from the week before.

The New York Stock Exchange composite index gained 4.55 to 200.33, the Nasdaq composite index for the over-the-counter market rose 7.90 to 468.44, and the American Stock Exchange market value index was up 5.12 at 363.99.

Volume on the big board averaged 171.27 million shares a day, up from 125.07 million the week before.

Anticipation of a Fed move toward easier credit increased on Wall Street with a recent push in the White House and Congress toward a plan for reducing the federal budget deficit.

Any moves to cut government spending or raise taxes would represent a tightening of fiscal policy, which would stand to slow the economy further.

So many commentators began looking for the Fed to adopt a counterbalancing approach by relaxing its monetary policy.



Pleasant signs

A trader on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange appears pleased as the Dow Jones Industrial Average passed the 3,000 mark on July 13, closing at 2980, an all-time high. (Reuters wirephoto)

Gorbachev backed

G-7 offers 'conditional' aid

NEW YORK, July 14, (UPI): Leaders of the world's seven most powerful democracies ended their 16th annual economic summit Wednesday with words of support for Mikhail Gorbachev but only a conditional offer of economic assistance to help the Soviet leader in his efforts to make reforms succeed.

Intensive, behind-the-scenes negotiations during the first "post-cold war" summit produced support for a cut in farm subsidies that could provide a catalyst for progress in a multi-lateral effort to overhaul world trade rules by the end of the year.

On the third major issue, environmental protection, President George Bush bowed to European pressure to endorse a general call for action to curb global warming, muting his earlier scepticism about the nature of the problem.

Bush declared at the end of the three-day meeting in Houston that the summit leaders left "renewed by the strength of our common commitments to healthy economic growth and prosperity and freedom for people everywhere."

Easing

Ending months of speculation, the Federal Reserve System pumped funds into bank reserves yesterday in what economists said was a clear signal it was easing interest rates.

Most people are looking at it as a signal the Fed wanted to give the market that they are easing."

said Elizabeth Reiners, a vice-president and money market analyst with Dean Witter Reynolds Inc.

Fed watchers said they felt certain easing was at hand because of the nature of three Fed's open-market operations and because this action came one day after Fed chairman Alan Greenspan hinted easier credit could be necessary.

Greenspan told the Senate Banking Committee Thursday the Central Bank may act to lower interest rates because of mounting evidence of a credit crunch by the nation's commercial banks.

The Fed, concerned about the effects of inflation on the domestic economy, had held interest rates in check for the last six months despite political pressure from the White House to lower rates.

Greenspan's remarks, reviving investors' hopes for lower interest rates, spurred the Dow industrials to a new all-time high of 2969.80 Thursday. The Dow flirted with the 3000 mark yesterday and briefly topped it before falling back slightly to end the week at 2980.20.

His comments caused a swing of more than a full point in the bond market, where US treasuries had been down as much as 1/2 point but were up 21/32 in late trading with the yield falling below 8.5 per cent.

What was good news for stocks and bonds was bad news

for the dollar, which fell sharply against key foreign currencies since lower interest rates would make the dollar less attractive to investors.

In other economic news, wholesale prices edged up 0.2 per cent in June with declining food and energy costs offset by price hikes for tobacco and automobiles, the Labor Department said yesterday.

The overall increase in the government's producer price index was in line with forecasts by private economists, some of whom sounded alarm bells over the danger of inflation.

"It's disappointing," said Norman Robertson, chief economist at Mellon Bank in Pittsburgh. "It really shows that the core rate of inflation is not improving. As a matter of fact it's getting a little worse."

Retail sales jumped 0.5 per cent in June in the first monthly increase since January, the Commerce Department said yesterday.

Thirty

The increase, in line with the expectations of private economists, follows a drop of 0.6 per cent in May and a 1 per cent decline in April.

The nation's largest department store and specialty retailers reported mixed June results Thursday, and those who posted significant gains needed promotions and price-cutting to bring increasingly thrifty consumers to their cash registers.

Four eccentrics among richest

Japanese billionaires

TOKYO, July 14, (UPI): Yoshiaki Tsutsumi, an illegitimate child involved in a running feud with his legitimate half brother, and Takechi Mori, a former college professor who insists on wearing Japanese kimonos in the suit-and-tie world of modern Tokyo, were named as the two richest men in the world this week.

Kitaro Watanabe, a corporate raider and dealer of exotic cars, and Kenichi Nakajima, who made his billions selling pinball machines, ranked sixth and eighth in the Forbes magazine list of the world's wealthiest people released in New York.

It may cause no surprise, given the trends in the world today—that Japan is home to four of the ten richest men and the United States can only claim three.

What is interesting to note is the Japanese who made the top ten are men who broke out of the mold of the stereotypical successful Japanese businessman.

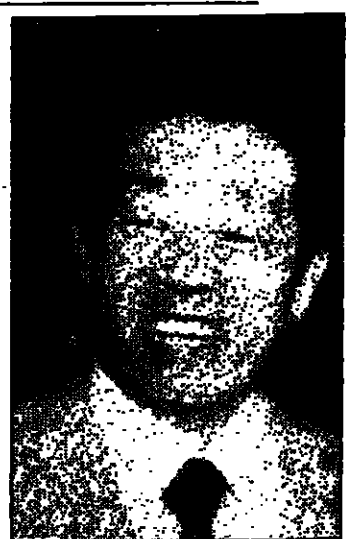
These are not the consensus-building, don't-rock-the-boat makers of cars and computers Japan is famous for. Yoshiaki Tsutsumi, who has won the honour of being the world's richest man for four years in a row, is known in Japan not for his stunning wealth—\$16 billion at last count—but for a scorching sibling rivalry with his billionaire half brother, Seiji Tsutsumi.

Yoshiaki, the product of one of his promiscuous father's extramarital affairs, was the favourite son and inherited the bulk of the father's Seibu Railway and Real Estate Company.

Yoshiaki built the company into more than \$400 million empire known as the Seibu Railway Group. The "Billionaire's Son," Seiji, who was widely known as an obscure and money-losing department store, fashioned his gift into the Seibu-Saison group, one of Japan's most dynamic distribution conglomerates.

The two billionaires' open hatred for each other has prompted them to back rival politicians and most recently challenge each other in the hotel business.

The depth of their rivalry and the weight of their political power was demonstrated in 1984 when Yoshiaki's mother died. Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone and three former prime ministers attended the funeral for the former mistress. As they gathered on the grounds of a Buddhist temple in



Japan's top entrepreneur Yoshiaki Tsutsumi was named in the July 23 issue of US business magazine Forbes as the world's richest man for the fourth straight year. (Reuters wirephoto)

Tokyo, a blimp irreverently hummed overhead advertising a newly opened store in Seiji's department store chain.

Mori, the second richest man in the world with assets of \$14.6 billion, wears a black kimono when he travels from his modest Tokyo apartment to his office three days a week. And that is almost the only travel for this former economics professor who spends the rest of his week at home reading.

Mori's family owned a few rental properties which were destroyed in World War II. Mori's father built other lots. He now owns 78 buildings on some of the world's most valuable real estate.

Watanabe, who ranks sixth, has no qualms about bucking the system or shaking up the centres of power. His \$9.2 billion came mainly from real estate, but he is best known for his attempts to bring American-style corporate raiding to Japan.

Watanabe sold a large block of stock in an auto parts company linked to Toyota Motor Corp. to Texas businessman T. Boone Pickens in 1989. The auto parts maker has accused Watanabe of using Pickens, who has been a thorn in the company's side, to force the company to buy back the stock at inflated prices.

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Seoul union sues US: In an unusual case testing whether federal labour laws apply to US subsidiaries overseas, a South Korean Union is suing an American manufacturer of cable television components for more than \$1 million in back wages.

A South Korean Union sued Pico Products Inc. in US District Court on Thursday, alleging breach of contract for shutting down its South Korean factory and withholding more than \$1 million in wages from workers.

Jum Soon Yoo, president of the South Korean Union, said the union brought the lawsuit because the South Korean and American governments were "ignoring the crimes of multinational firms against Third World workers." (AP)

Rhone-Poulenc to issue shares: The Rhone-Poulenc chemical group said Friday it will make a 4.6 billion franc capital issue and that the new shares will be reserved for the French state, which already has earmarked a large chunk for the Credit Lyonnais Bank and an insurance corporation.

The state-run Credit Lyonnais will take a share worth 850 million francs or 9.4 per cent of the increase. The Assurance Generale de France will take 450 million francs' worth, or 6.8 per cent. (UPI)

Multifiber phase-out demanded: US and EC retail federations joined forces Wednesday in urging maximum trade liberalisation at the Uruguay round negotiations in Gatt and especially an end to the protective Multifiber Arrangement (MFA).

Lobbying negotiators from the major Uruguay round participating countries were Americans Joseph P. O'Neill of the National Retail Federation (NRF) and William Kay Dames of the Retail Trade Action Coalition (RTAC).

They were joined in lobbying by delegate Helmut Wienholt, head of the Foreign Trade Association (FTA) in Europe. (UPI)

Honda to produce Accord in Taiwan: Honda Motors Co. announced Friday a Taiwanese firm will begin producing its Accord model in collaboration to meet growing demand in the Taiwan market. San Yang Industry Co. of Taiwan, in which Honda's American subsidiary holds a 13.5 per cent stake, will start producing 1,000 units of the 2,000 CC four-door Accord Sedan in August, a Honda official said.

"The Taiwan market nearly doubled in the past two years," said the official. "We believe the Taiwanese market has grown big enough to accept higher quality vehicles." (UPI)

Foreign investment surges: Growing labour and production costs in other countries have made Indonesia a comparatively better place to invest, a trend reflected in growing foreign investment in the first half of this year, a senior official said Friday in Jakarta.

Total foreign investment in the first six months of 1990 reached \$4.57 billion, almost equalling the \$4.71 billion posted during all of 1990, said chairman of the investment co-ordinating board Sanyoto Sastrowardoyo.

External factors, including the high appreciation of some foreign currencies, which makes Indonesian products more competitive, in addition to high production and labour costs were encouraging more foreign investment, he said. (AP)

Isuzu to replace CFCs: Japanese automaker Isuzu Motors Ltd said Thursday its new models to be developed after 1992 will be equipped with air conditioning systems which do not use environment destroying chemicals.

The company, affiliated with General Motors Corp. of the United States, is the first Japanese automaker to publicly announce a programme to eliminate harmful chemicals, known as chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), from vehicle air conditioning systems.

The decision was made in line with the company's policy of co-operating with the global movement to protect environment on earth, the company said. (UPI)

First Soviet 'employment agency': A Leningrad business group has set up what amounts to the first employment agency in the Soviet Union, which in the past guaranteed every citizen a job but now faces increasing unemployment.

The "Labour Market," financed by the Leningrad Association of Industrial Enterprises, will allow job-seekers to check an information bank listing employment opportunities for a "token fee," the official Tass news agency said Wednesday.

Interest rates for Third World go up by 0.9 per cent

WASHINGTON, July 14, (AP): Interest rates on loans to Third World countries will rise effective tomorrow by 0.9 per cent point, the US government's Export-Import bank announced yesterday.

The increase, the first in two years, is the result of an agreement among 22 industrial countries. Their governments all subsidise loans to encourage sales of their products in the Third World. The agreement on interest rates is designed to prevent the lending governments from bidding against one

another for business by offering larger subsidies to borrowers in the form of lower interest.

Subsidies are paid eventually by taxpayers of the lending countries.

Lending governments sometimes break the agreement by offering lower than agreed rates, using low-interest funds appropriated originally as foreign aid.

Borrowers are often required to use the money for purchases in the lending country. The US govern-

ment has long tried to discourage such "tied aid" but has begun to offer it in recent years after American businesses complained that they were losing out in competition with Japan, France and other countries.

Borrowing countries are classified on the basis of national income, as calculated by the World Bank for 1979. Countries with average incomes of less than \$680 in that year will have to pay 9.2 per cent a year on loans instead of 8.3 per cent.

Dental care programme

9,000 pupils educated

OVER 9,000 state school pupils in Kuwait's Jahra area have received instruction in dental hygiene in the past academic year, as part of the Signal 2 programme.

This, the second year of the programme, is one element of the wider policy of dental education run by the Ministry of Health for most age groups above six. The programme, designed for older children, is used in fourth year primary classes.

The various elements of dental education are used to alert children to the need to exercise care with diet, to brush their teeth regularly and to visit the dentist.

The programme is designed to reinforce these messages with a comprehensive review of the issues. The programme includes classroom experiments, homework and other assignments and is divided into six groups of lessons.

These lessons cover the structure and function of teeth, how dental caries — tooth decay — and gum disease start, what plaque is and which foods are mostly likely to cause problems. It leads on to show how proper brushing techniques can eliminate the risk of caries and the role of toothpaste, particularly how fluoride strengthens teeth.

The programme finishes with a description of the role of dentists in assisting children to preserve their healthy teeth and gums.

Developed in Arabic for use in government schools, the programme is supplied in kit form which has been modified and fine tuned over the years.

Education on dental issues is regarded as a critical element of the policy of improving the dental health of the young people in Kuwait.



The dental education programme includes homework assignments for school pupils.

BBC world service highlights



Dame Janet Baker looks back over her career, in conversation with Elizabeth Francis, in the first programme in the series Singers at Work.

Adam Smith and the Wealth of Nations

Singers at Work

This month sees the start of a series that examines what lies behind the magic and often seemingly effortless sound produced by internationally renowned singers.

Singing is one of the oldest and possibly most universally practised forms of art. But at what point does this inherent gift develop into the highly skilled art-form of the world's greatest singers?

Six exponents play recordings of their work to demonstrate the techniques used on the arduous road towards perfecting their art. They also reveal how they protect their instrument — the voice — against the rigours of the jet-setting lifestyle expected of artists today.

Dame Janet Baker, the celebrated British mezzo-soprano, looks back over her singing career in the first of seven programmes. Guests featured in future programmes are Willard White, Sarah Walker, Thomas Allen, Emma Kirkby, Philip Langridge and Felicity Lott.

(July 17: 1245 hrs; rep. 1745 hrs. local time)

Adam Smith and the Wealth of Nations

It is hard to think of a more propitious time than this year to remember the life of a Scottish economist who died 200 years ago and whose book *The Wealth of Nations* is still seen as the intellectual foundation stone of modern, free-market capitalism.

Most communist countries now acknowledge the failure of the main alternative, the planned economy, and are embracing a view of how human societies work which goes straight back to Smith.

What were the insights which made this book such a decisive influence on economic thought? Adam Smith argued that the pursuit of self-

interest produced greater wealth and made a greater contribution to the common good than collective efforts directed and controlled by governments. His analysis has inevitably been taken up by modern right-wing economists and politicians. But has it been distorted in the process? Would Smith, a man of the 18th century Enlightenment, be impressed or appalled by the way his ideas are interpreted today?

Distinguished modern economists, historians and politicians help John Pickford to explore Adam Smith and the Wealth of Nations.

(July 15, 0530 hrs; rep. 1915 hrs; July 16: 12.30 hrs. local time).

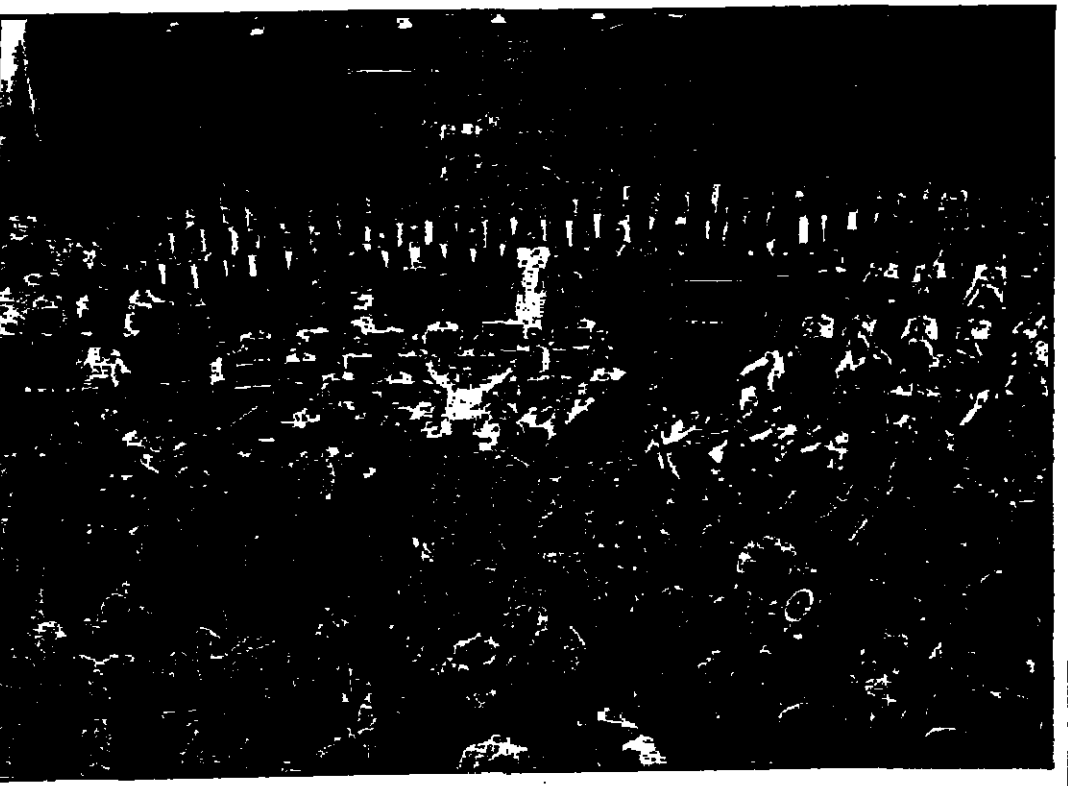
In Search of Justice

When national courts have failed to satisfy, or when the complaint in beyond their jurisdiction, how can justice be sought? In certain cases individuals or organisations can take their grievances to an international court.

Within Europe there are three arenas in which international law can be tested: the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, the Court of Justice of the European Communities in Luxembourg, and the International Court of Justice in The Hague. Each has a different area of interest and over the years has heard a wide variety of cases, from the seemingly trivial to the internationally complex.

But what is the process by which a case reaches one of these courts, and how is the verdict of the judges implemented? Mike Bullen talks to plaintiffs, lawyers and court officials to discover how the international legal system works — and who benefits from it.

(July 16: 1815 hrs. local time).



The Last Night of the Proms comes in mid-September, but there are 20 live concerts and many recordings to enjoy before the climax of the season. Conductor Andrew Davis (above) opens the current season.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran
9.15 Cartoon serial
9.40 Iflah Ya Simsim
10.10 Good Morning
10.30 Wa'ad Al Nahar: Arabic serial, featuring Azza Kamal, Mustafa Fahmi
11.15 Sabah Al Khair
12.00 Al Kanaz: Arabic serial. Starring: Hind Kamel, Nazir Al Samarai
1.00 News Summary
1.05 World News via Satellite
1.30 Cartoons
2.00 Al Sanafar: cartoon-serial
2.30 Surkhat Nadam: Gulf serial, featuring Ali Hassan, Maryam Saleh
3.00 Min Hadae Al Quran: religious programme
4.00 The Longest Night: English feature film, starring David Johnson
5.30 Adventures: cartoon serial
6.00 Songs and Music
6.30 Kana Ma Kana: serial for children

7.30 Agricultural Magazine: presented by Yacoub Al Yusufi
8.00 Diwanayah Shua'ra Al Nabt: poetry session
9.00 News in Arabic
9.45 Rugeeb La Yanam: 'daily Arabic serial. Starring: Ahmad Mazhar, Sumiya Al Ali
11.00 Makhloq Ismaha Al Mar'au (A Creature Named Woman). "Secretary". Starring: Farouk Fishawi, Shihra, Susan Badr.
12.25 News Summary
12.30 World News via Satellite
12.45 Holy Quran/Closedown

KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Macaron 1: cartoon serial
6.30 The Beachcombers: "The Long Way Home". Nick and John help old Duffy find his long-lost son. Starring: Bruno Gerussi, Robert Clothier.
7.00 Natural World: The

Haida Qwai: Island of the People.
8.00 News in English
8.40 Made in Kuwait: Local series on products manufactured in factories around Kuwait. Also, a look at local industrial development.

9.30 E.N.G. "Forest of the Night". Jake's paranoia affects his work, and the team has to find an alternative to fill crucial spots on TV.

10.00 The Lenny Henry Show: Lenny's comic spectacular punctuated with songs.

10.30 Best Seller: "Kane and Abel", based on Jeffrey Archer's best-selling novel of the same name. Florentina, Abel's daughter, falls in love with Kane's son. Starring: Peter Strauss, Sam O'Neil.

12.00 News in Brief
12.10 Magazine D'Actualite Closedown

Please note that Kuwait Television programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

PRAYERS

Fajr 3.25 am
Zuhr 11.54
Asr 3.28 pm
Maghreb 6.49
Isha 8.20

All entries for the What's On column can be sent by telex (22332) to Events Section or hand delivered daily, except Thursdays, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shuwaikh. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
Jazira Al Shaitan (Arabic)
Starring: Adel Imam, Yusra Al Salami
Tah Al Sirf (Arabic)
Starring: Salah Sadani, Najla Fathi
Al Hamra
Al Falheen Ahham (Arabic)
Starring: Saeed Saleh, Hayatem
Drive-In
Jazira Al Shaitan (Arabic)
Starring: Adel Imam, Yusra Al Firdous
Eeshwar (Hindi)
Starring: Anil Kapoor, Vijay Shanti

Fahsheel Open-Air
Bhrashtachar (Hindi)
Starring: Rekha, Rishi Kapoor
Al Fahsheel
Oru Vadakkann Veeragadha (Malayalam)
Al Jabra
Shriman Shrimati (Hindi)
Granada
Closed
Salaibikhar
Hanafi Al Abhahu (Arabic)
Al Jebb
Ramjo Rao Speaking (Malayalam)
Ahmadi Drive-In
No Retreat for Karate Kid

WHAT'S ON

Approb 'Who's Who' directory

THE Association of Pakistani Professionals and Businessmen (Approb) is planning to publish a "Who's Who" directory of prominent Pakistani professionals and businessmen resident in Kuwait by January 1991. The directory aims at providing information about all Pakistanis proficient and distinguished in their professions and businesses.

Data forms are available free of cost from Approb executive board members and other locations. For further details contact Approb on Tel. No. 2425315, Fax 5323751, P.O. Box 2351, Salmiya, 22024 Salmiya, Kuwait.

A copy of the directory will be given free of charge to all individuals whose names will appear in the directory.

Kapilku

July 19: Kapilku awards certificates of attendance to those who attended tailoring, bookkeeping, basic accounts and basic computer courses. The ceremony will be held at Al Aaliya Restaurant, 8 pm. Philippine Ambassador Maung Mohammad Tamano will be the chief guest. Buffet dinner, KD 3 per person. Proceeds will go towards the school fund.

Those who attended self-improvement classes are asked to contact Sarah Macarimbang. Tel: 4839009, 4839889, 4843447.

Summerbelle '90

Aug 2: United Goans Centre will hold Summerbelle '90 at the SAS Hotel's The Tent. Top Ranks and Hurricane Alley in attendance. For reservations call Tony 2612024, Cyril 2523930, Joe 5655140.

Sur Sangeet

July 19: A musical evening will be presented by Sur Sangeet group to say farewell to outgoing Indian Second Secretary S.M. Mathur. Singers participating in the show include Valencia, Rosebud, Laxmi, Charlie, Shah Nawaz Karim.

In memory of Karajan

July 16, 7.30 pm: Kuwait Cine Club will hold a musical evening in memory of Austrian Herbert von Karajan, conductor of the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra, at Kuwait Towers diwanis. Highlights of the evening include Tchaikovsky's symphony No. 4 in F Minor, opus 36; L.V. Beethoven, symphony No. 9 in D Minor, opus 125.

After the concert, Abdul Rahman Nassar will give a talk on Karajan's life and music.

Rock and Reggae

July 22: 'Let's Rock and Reggae', a concert with Steve Michael and the Afro Beat, will be held from 9 pm at the Holiday Inn Hotel's Grand Ballroom. Vocalist Sheryl Pereira will make a special appearance as a soloist and also join Steve in some duets. Tina Mathews will perform a Reggae dance routine. Reservations open. Tel: 2405648; 2476660; 5714340; 5721030. Tickets also available from special desk in Holiday Inn lobby. The concert is being organised and presented by Phil Danielle. Early bookings are advised due to limited seating.

Children's cinema

July 18 (6 pm): July 19 (10.30 am): Popeye and Son, A New Generation. Strongman sailor Popeye and girlfriend Olive Oyl marry and have a son, Popeye Junior. It is time to join them in their hectic summer activities. This feature will be shown at the British Council, Mansouriya. Admission free but reservations must be made. Tel: 2533204; 2533227.

British Council July 14/15: 6.30 pm. "The Shooting Party." (92 minutes). They are elegant, arrogant and assured. They dine, shoot, gossip and flirt. But then, it is 1913 and disturbing undercurrents lie beneath the glittering facade of this film.

James Mason's swan song. Winner of the Best of the British Director Award. Admission free. But reservations must be made. Tel: 2533204; 2533227.

Hotels

At Al Salam
July 12 — 19
Al Bandar Coffee Shop: Arabic and Continental buffets, lunch and dinner; also a la carte; open 6 am to midnight.

Al Mawardi Open-Air Cafe: open from 6 pm to midnight.
Al Gandoul Grill Garden: open after 6 pm; grilled food.

Friday brunch: 12 noon to 3 pm, ship discovery tour, entertainment for children and cartoon-strip characters.

At the International
Failaka: situated on the 19th floor, overlooking the coastline, it offers international cuisine; live entertainment in the evenings. Closed on Fridays.

La Palma: offers buffet as well as a la carte. Family style brunch on Fridays.

Kei: offers Japanese dining in an oriental atmosphere.

La Patisserie: selection of snacks; pianist in the evenings.

Al Waha: ice cream promotion featuring different flavours, until August 1990.

At the SAS

Bistrotto: Sunday/Wednesday — pasta night; Italian music. Peacock Room: Chinese cuisine; lunch and dinner. Al Boom: Kuwaiti experience; charcoal grilled food, plus mezzeh buffet.

Clock: snack bar — burgers, french fries, etc.

At the Mesalliah Beach

Al Mubarakiah: open around the clock; seafood promotion on Wednesdays, 7 pm; Fridays — Middle Eastern cuisine.

Al Jawharah: Thursday special — special menu; music by Rainbow Band.

Al Berdoweh: BBQ on Thursday in beach-garden restaurant; Lebanese food.

At the Plaza:

Al Dallah Coffee Shop: international cuisine; open buffet plus menu.

Lolouwah Corner: snacks and refreshing summer drinks.

Marco Polo: Italian ambience and cuisine, particularly pasta.

At the Sheraton

Hunt Room: Daily buffet lunch in addition to a la carte; plus grilled specialties: a la carte dinner plus some specialties from Le Tarbouche: Duo Fantasy in attendance.

Wednesday/Thursday Oriental buffet; live entertainment by the Lourdes Band and Arab singer Mohammad Baghdadi. The restaurant is open from 12.30 pm to 3.30 pm; and 8 to 12.30 am.

Riccardo Restaurant will be open for dinner until September; 8 pm to 11 pm.

Coffee Shop: breakfast, lunch and dinner; 6 am to 0100 am.

Sport

All-Filipino

Scrabble

Tournament

July 20: Filcheck have announced the all-female scrabble tournament, scheduled to start on Friday, July 20, will now be open to all Filipinos, male and female. Deadline for entries is July 19.

A total of 15 minutes is allocated for each player to finish the game; a player who exceeds the time limit will cease to play and his/her last score will be considered as the last score. Each player is required to use a chess clock to monitor time. The winner or the player with the highest score will earn 3 points; second will be 2 points; third one point and the last zero point. In case of a tie, the player with the highest score wins.

The champion and the two runners-up will each receive a trophy and valuable gift items. Registration forms are available at the Kabayan Restaurant. For details contact Edward/Liza — 2402045

PROMS

A British tradition



ONCE again the Promenade Concerts are upon us — an eight-week season of music-making that attracts thousands, young and old alike, to the Royal Albert Hall in London for a mixture of music to suit all tastes.

The Proms, as they are affectionately known, are now established as part of British tradition but also as a platform for international musicians and new music. The series dates back to the 1890s, when singer and entrepreneur Robert Newman launched it to attract as many people as possible to enjoy "an evening out" and hear good music at little cost.

Those early audiences were allowed to smoke and walk about, hence the word "Promenade." The concerts were moved to the huge Victorian Albert Hall in 1951 because their original home, the Queen's Hall, had been destroyed by a bomb during World War Two. There they have remained and expanded over the years.

World Service offers you the chance to join the audience in the hall this year for live relays of a number of concerts. Join them on the First Night of this 96th season, with soloists Margaret Price and Anne-Sofie von Otter, the BBC Symphony Orchestra and Chorus and the London Philharmonic Choir for a performance of Mahler's Symphony No.2 in C Minor conducted by Andrew Davis.

(July 20, 2130 hrs local time).

And you are invited to the Last Night of the fun and festivities of the great flag-waving finale, which ends as usual with Elgar's stirring Pomp and Circumstance March No.1, the Fantasia on British Sea-Songs by Henry Wood, Arne's Rule Britannia and Jerusalem by Hubert Parry.

Between the First and Last Nights you can hear 19 other live concerts featuring internationally acclaimed artists and orchestras.

The Japanese Saito Kinen Orchestra, under its conductor Seiji Ozawa, makes its Proms debut this year. The six-year-old orchestra is named after a distinguished professor of music, and all the members and conductor are his former pupils.

Among other visiting overseas orchestras are: the Swedish Radio Symphony, under Esa-Pekka Salonen; the Moscow Virtuosi, under Vladimir Spivakov; the Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra, with James Conlon; and the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra with Riccardo Chailly.

Among overseas soloists making their first appearances are the Japanese pair Mayumi Fujikawa and Nobuko Imai, playing Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante for violin and viola.

Other relays for this month all begin at 1830 GMT Strauss's Till Eulenspiegel; Bax's The Happy Forest; and Liszt's Piano Concerto No.2 in A Major can be heard July 21st. Ju Hee Suh is the pianist with the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra conducted by Andrew Litton.

In the next we hear Beethoven Symphony No.2 in D Major, and the first performance of a work commissioned by the BBC, Anthony Payne's Time's Arrow. The BBC Symphony Orchestra is conducted by Andrew Davis July 24th.

Brahms' Symphony No.4 in E Minor is performed by the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra conducted by Simon Rattle 28th. And Dvorak's Overture, Carnival and Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No.2 in C Minor are the chosen pieces July 30th. John Lill is the pianist with the BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra conducted by Tadaaki Otaka.

● Fri 20th, Sat 21st, Tues 24th, Sat 28th, Mon 30th 1830 (GMT).

From the Proms

(8 x 45 min)

A series of recordings from the Proms can be heard as well as the live performances.

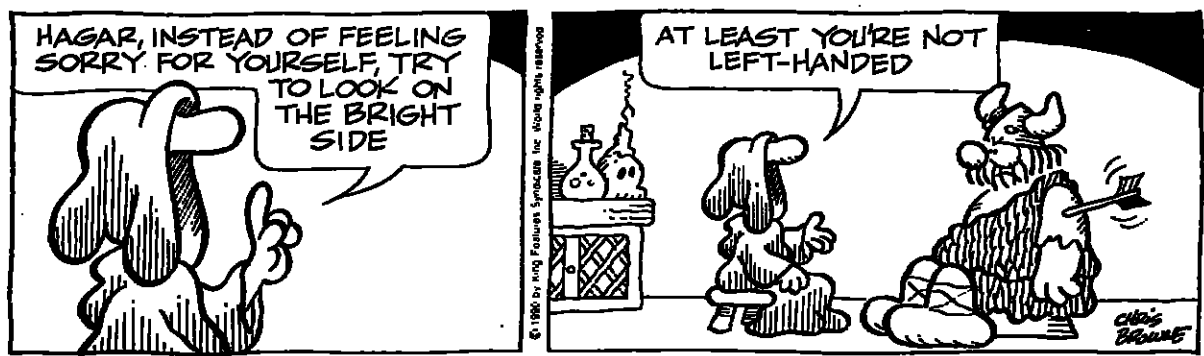
Cesar Franck's Symphony in D Minor, with the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra conducted by Andrew Litton 22nd is followed by a concert featuring 1 Virtuosi di Roma in concertos by Corelli, Albinoni and Boccherini 29th.

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BLONDIE — By Dean Young & Stan Drake



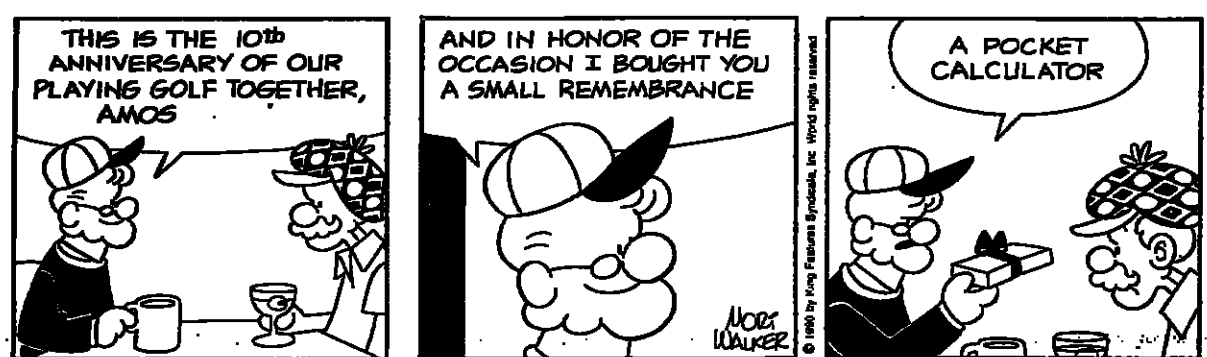
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AGATHA CRUMM — By Bill Rose



THE DICK DICKS — By Mark Winkler



THE WIZARD OF ID — By Stuart Foster & Johnny Hart



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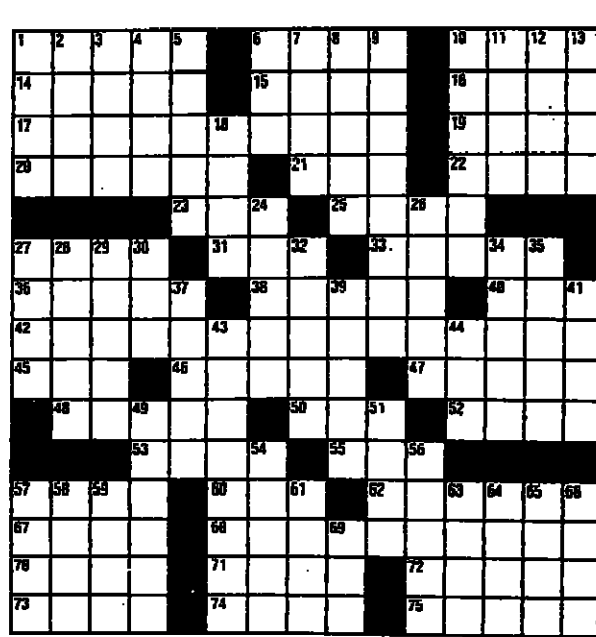
B.C. — By Johnny Hart



HE-MAN — By G. Fenton & J. Shull



TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 1 Takes caution
 - 6 State
 - 10 Normandy town
 - 14 Additional
 - 15 Scorch
 - 16 Boast
 - 17 Watch feature
 - 19 Horse of different colors
 - 20 Put on
 - 21 Lion
 - 22 Totals
 - 23 Tooth spec.
 - 25 Before dash or stick
 - 27 Not on time
 - 31 Hole in one
 - 33 Straight up
 - 36 Plumed bird
 - 38 Precipitates
 - 40 Inlet
 - 42 "Timely" movie of 1935
 - 45 Uno, due, —
 - 46 Money in Moscow
 - 47 Appoints
 - 48 Material plus
 - 50 Madrid Mrs.
 - 52 Fiddler or pianist
 - 53 — garden
 - 55 Shade tree
 - 57 Word with root or birch
 - 60 A Gershwin
 - 62 Do harm
 - 67 Israel port
 - 68 9 to 5 worker
 - 70 Football field, for short
 - 71 Before holidays
 - 72 Works on copy
 - 73 Litigates
 - 74 Take ten
 - 75 Rent
- DOWN**
- 1 They're up this season
 - 2 Egress
 - 3 Volcano
 - 4 Store lead-in
 - 5 Cloyed
 - 6 — blonde
 - 7 Main dish
 - 8 Seabirds
 - 9 Fragrant
 - 10 Eke out, with "by"
 - 11 Walked
 - 12 Take on cargo
 - 13 Possesses
 - 18 Norse saga
 - 24 Use elbow
 - 26 Incendiary
 - 27 Departed
 - 28 Greek marketplace
 - 29 Levels
 - 30 Ever, to Keats
 - 32 Viscounts' betters
 - 34 Serious offense
 - 35 Kitchen finisher
 - 37 Square root of nine
 - 39 Rhone feeder
 - 41 Too
 - 43 Scout
 - 44 Sunflower St.
 - 49 Tatters
 - 51 "Hawkeye" of M*A*S*H
 - 54 Meet head-on
 - 56 "Ain't it Awful, —": Hazard
 - 57 Catches
 - 58 Curtain color
 - 59 Pennsylvania port
 - 61 Certain votes
 - 63 Pie a la —
 - 64 Soprano's forte
 - 65 Obtains
 - 66 Gaelic
 - 69 Landing craft
 - Abbr.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

PITH SCABS AGES
OMOO BUGLE IRAN
DEROGATION META
STOKE TOOLS ESP
NANCY MAHAN
MATH OSS COMBAT
IWO SWATS OMAHA
FABLE REO TOYER
FILLAR KILLS PAP
STUDIO RIO DADS
EYERS TONIC
RAJ SALSIA ESKAR
OLAF COMICOPERA
MAYA LAURA ERIN
ASIST ENTER LSAT

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
ONE WINNER TOO MANY

Neither vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
♠ 9
♥ K J 10 9
♦ Q 9 2
♣ A K 9 6 5

WEST
♠ J 8 6 4 3
♥ Void
♦ J 6 5 4 3
♣ 10 8 7

EAST
♠ Q 10 7
♥ 7 6 5 4 3
♦ 10 7
♣ Q J 4

SOUTH
♠ A K 5 2
♥ A Q 8 2
♦ A K 8
♣ 3 2

The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass
3 ♥ Pass 4 NT Pass
5 ♥ Pass 5 NT Pass
6 ♥ Pass 7 ♥ Pass
Pass Pass

Opening lead: Four of ♠

When it becomes obvious that one line cannot work, look for another. There's no future in flogging a dead horse.

Although South held half the points in the deck, a jump shift with no clear contract in mind would have been foolhardy. The simple one-heart response meets with our wholehearted endorsement. North's hand was borderline for an invitational jump raise to three hearts—we would not fault anyone who

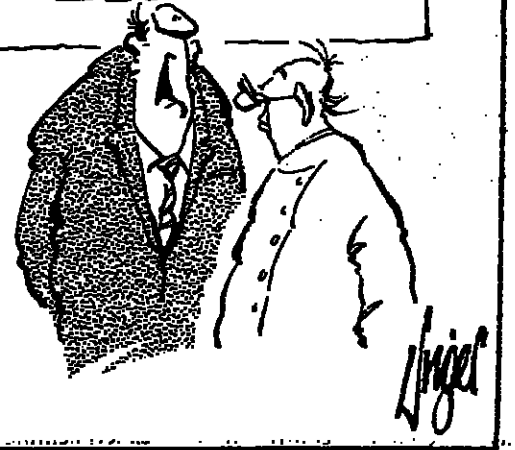
chose to raise to only two hearts, though we tend to the slightly more aggressive course when we hold good trumps and solid working cards. In either event, the grand slam should be reached.

West led a diamond and declarer thought the slam was laydown—ruff two spades in dummy and claim. Fortunately, after winning the first trick in hand with the king, declarer led a low trump to dummy, and the picture changed radically when West discarded a diamond. The original line had to be scotched in favor of a crossruff.

When embarking on a crossruff, you must first cash your side-suit winners. However, as Bill Root notes in his excellent new book, *How to Play a Bridge Hand*, you must not attempt to cash more winners than you need. Here, declarer has one trump winner in the bank and can score six more with ruffs. Therefore, only six side-suit winners are needed to make the grand slam.

Declarer cashed the ace-king of spades, discarding a diamond, followed by the ace-king of clubs and ace of diamonds. Two spades and a diamond were ruffed in dummy and three clubs in hand—making seven hearts. Note that, had declarer tried to cash three diamonds, East would have ruffed to set a laydown contract.

FREE EYE TEST



"Shall I do one for my wife while I'm here?"

YOUR STARS



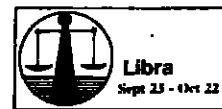
Aries
March 21 - April 20

Not everything will be to your liking but you will be able to make the most of what is. Do not expect others always to do what you would like them to do. Do your best to maintain family harmony. Be moderate.



Cancer
June 21 - July 20

You will tend to feel a little listless and should do all you can to spur yourself forward. Do not spend to the point where you become anxious about your savings. Pursue a hobby but do not let it take up too much of your time. Be sincere.



Libra
Sept 21 - Oct 22

Not everything is happening the way you would wish, but some things are better than you hoped. You will receive a few compliments but do let them go to your head. Take more interest in what interests your partner. Be less impulsive.



Capricorn
Dec 21 - Jan 19

Examine your bills carefully, you could well have been overcharged. Spend a little time tidying up, if you do it will save a lot of time at a later date. Make an effort to stay on good terms with your friends and neighbours. Be less impulsive.



Taurus
April 21 - May 20

You should not allow your emotions to get out of hand, but nor should you repress them. Accept an invitation but do not stay longer than you are welcome. Do not rely too much on others. Be careful.



Leo
July 21 - Aug 21

Go out of your way to maintain harmony with your partner. Your lucky numbers are 12 and 34. Something you had been expecting will not happen quite in the way you had anticipated. You will however be able to turn it to your advantage. Be more patient.



Scorpio
Oct 21 - Nov 21

You would do well to take a little more exercise, but nothing too strenuous. Also, a little at a time and a little more all the time up to a maximum. Make sure you do not get on other people's nerves. Be reasonable.



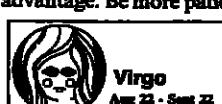
Aquarius
Jan 20 - Feb 19

You will indulge in daydreams, no harm in that but only up to a point. And make sure you do not mistake what you dream of being for what really is. You should avoid spending beyond your income limits. Be candid.



Gemini
May 21 - June 20

If you seek to do more than you have time for you may end doing nothing well. Instead try to do a more limited number of things really well. Your health will not be exceptional and you must exercise more caution. Be respectful.



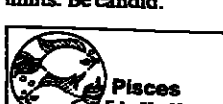
Virgo
Aug 21 - Sept 21

You are more liable to make mistakes so be on the lookout for them. Take better care of your appearance — keep the occasion and climate in mind. You will be able to learn the lesson of experience. Be proud of yourself.



Sagittarius
Nov 21 - Dec 20

You will be able to do something you enjoy doing, but you should not neglect something that has to be done. Avoid eating too many spicy or sugary foods. You'll get some advice but it will not be as good as it first seems. Be generous.

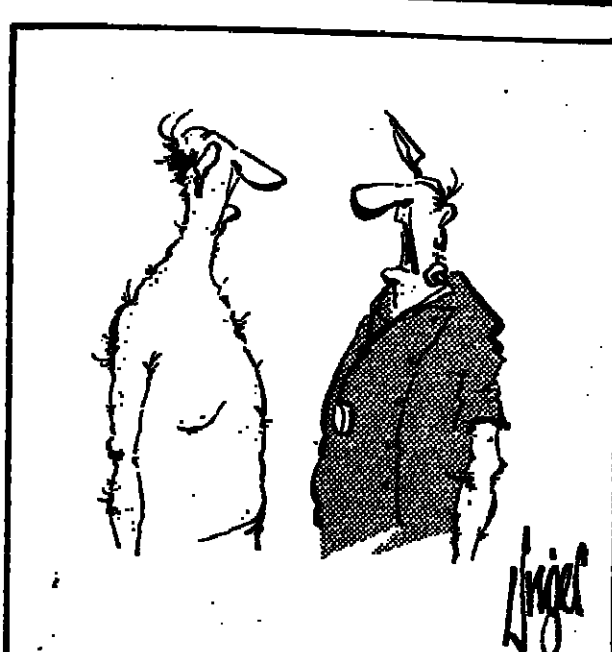


Pisces
Feb 20 - Mar 20

What you had feared might happen will not and you will be greatly relieved. You should try to spend some time catching up on your reading. Do not lose touch with an old friend. Be fair.



"He was laid off from the candle factory after the fire."



"I can't find anything wrong with you. Aren't you having any fun?"

Book reviews

Voices of people on the haunting spectre of change in Europe

Without Force or Lies: Voices from the Revolution of Central Europe in 1989-90, William Brinton and Alan Rinzler, eds
(Mercury House, 495 pp \$15.95)

Between East and West: writings from Kultura, Robert Kostrowa, ed. (Hill and Wang, 274 pp., \$30)
Talkin' Moscow Blues, by Josef Skvorecky
(ECCO, 367 pp., \$12.95 PB)

The remarkable events in Central and Eastern Europe in 1989 that swept out of power moribund, corrupt and autocratic regimes unfolded so quickly that getting a fix on what happened, what might happen, and why, is not easy.

One of the best places to begin, however, is not with the pundits and politicians of the West, but with the voices of the participants themselves.

As one looks at the new landscape of Europe, a remarkable fact emerges. While the revolutions had many sources — in the churches, labour unions, the peace movement — much of the work was done by intellectuals, often within those other institutions; most often under conditions of repression, sometimes from the vantage of exile.

A good introduction is provided in William Brinton and Alan Rinzler's "Without Force or Lies," a kind of

"instant-book" compendium of speeches, articles and essays — some in the public domain, others written expressly for the book — by many of the key activists.

Brinton and Rinzler open their collection with Andrei Sakharov's 1968 essays, "Thoughts on Progress, Peaceful Co-existence, and Intellectual Freedom," which, even while pre-dating the upheaval by 20 years, remains one of the seminal documents in the pro-democracy drive.

Sakharov's essay is followed by a lengthy excerpt from Czech writer — and founder of the Human Rights group Charter 77 and now president of Czechoslovakia — Vaclav Havel's 1978, "The Power of The Powerless," the single most powerful piece of writing to come out of the current upheaval.

"A spectre is haunting Eastern Europe," he writes, "The spectre of what in the West is called 'dissent.' This spectre has not appeared out of thin air. It is a natural and inevitable consequence of the present historical phase of the system it is haunting."

Havel's 85-page essay puts its focus on the decisions of real people, ordinary people and what he calls an "existential revolution" that will result in "The moral reconstitution of society, which means a radical renewal of the relationship of human beings to what I

have called the 'human order,' which no political order can replace.

"A new experience of being, a renewed rootedness in the universe, a newly sensed grasp of the higher responsibility, a new-found inner relationship to other people and to the human community — these factors clearly indicate the direction in which we must go."

Another significant piece is Adam Michnik's "The Moral and Spiritual Origins of Solidarity," and there are contributions from intellectuals and activists in the two Germanys, Hungary, Romania, the Baltics and the Soviet Union.

The only flaw in the book is the Soviet section, which contains only three pieces, one by Mikhail Gorbachev and the others by Americans. Including the notorious but vacuous, "To the Stalin Mausoleum" by the anonymous "Z."

Exiles helped keep the dissident movement alive — not always without some tensions between those who left and those who stayed. But one of the best examples of the link between the two communities can be found in the magazine "Kultura," the Polish-oriented, Paris-based literary and cultural magazine where the Solidarity generation of intellectuals began their political education.

"Between East and West" is the third anthology of pieces from "Kultura." Editor Robert Kostrowa brings together 15 pieces from the last two decades, including five pieces of fiction by writers not well known in the west that are as important as the non-fiction in getting a real feel for the intellectual atmosphere of life under a repressive regime.

Among the more interesting and provocative pieces are Julius Mieroszewski's "Imperialism: Theirs and Ours," and Mikhail Heller's "Homo Sovieticus," both on the complex history of Polish-Russian relations. Mieroszewski argues, for example, that the Soviet's "nationalities problem" is not only a Russian but also a Polish problem. Only a radical solution to this problem can reshape the relationship between Poland and Russia.

Finally, a word about Josef Skvorecky's "Talkin' Moscow Blues," a collection of non-fiction by the Czech writer now living in Canada.

Skvorecky's writing at its best illustrates the both the insight and the pain, as well as the anger and arrogance, that so often accompanies exile writing.

Here he comfortably moves among a host of topics, often ground in his own Czech birth and identity but commenting on Faulkner, G.K. Chesterton, the Venice Film Festival, Jazz, and Can-

adian politics. But always from the particular point of view of his stance as an exile and, often, as in three brilliant pieces — "Red Music," "Talkin' Moscow Blues," and "Hipness at Noon," — with the Eastern and Central European political context the motif.

Together, these three books provide an invaluable introduction to the European ferment and are essential to grasping the possibilities and problems looming on the horizon.

The World at the End of Time, by Frederik Pohl
(Del Ray-Ballantine, 384 pp., \$17.95)

Hundreds of high-minded, well-intentioned people are still carting Stephen Hawking's "A Brief History of Time" off to the beach or the mountains as potential summer reading.

While that slim best-seller wittily describes the birth of the universe, outlines the life of the stars and portends the end of time, it lacks action, adventure, romance and the open invitation to the imagination offered by solid science fiction.

Frederik Pohl, now 70, has been making sci-fi work for 45 years and, without being dazzling, his new novel, "The World at the End of Time," provides escape, provokes some rumination and even educates a little.

The book opens with a migration to a distant star by pioneers seeking to spread human culture. It confronts and elegantly resolves the problem of how men can travel interstellar distances — not faster-than-light worm holes but cryogenics, not hydrogen ramjets but solar sails — and settlement of a virgin landscape.

But that's too easy and Pohl makes his reader take notice by overlaying the (relatively) simple story of viktor sorcinne, son of an astrophysicist, with the mind-boggling existence of Wan-To, an entity with a birthdate near the Big Bang and more powerful than the stars in which he lives.

Pohl draws his two protagonists together with an inexorability that recalls the coagulation of Galactic gases into the stars — new and old, cooling and inexplicably exploding — that drive his story.

How stars work on the subatomic scale and what is happening not only in our galaxy but in the whole ever-expanding universe play prominently in Pohl's narrative, but his high-energy physics is pretty accessible and the careful weave and tangle of the plot is most satisfying. And besides, you don't need to be a rocket scientist to enjoy science fiction from a veteran master of the craft.

The Burning Season, by Andrew Revkin
(Houghton Mifflin, 317 pp., \$19.95)

With the fate of tropical rain forests now a popular cause, a book linking their destruction to the murder of a key activist — a Brazilian rubber tapper — promises a tantalizing mix of human and environmental struggle.

Los Angeles Times science reporter Andrew Revkin spent three months in the Amazon researching "The Burning Season," subtitled "The Murder of Chico Mendes and the Fight for the Amazon Rain Forest."

While documented and informative, this somewhat dense narrative is often disjointed and superficial. A lurid opening chapter replaying Mendes' murder lurches into an academic segment on rain forest dynamics, and Mendes vanishes.

It shifts again to a history of the rubber trade and of one rubber merchant, only to learn pages later he gave Chico Mendes (who's his first job). While the flow improves, the work is full of lost chances to weave Mendes' story with the forest's. Instead, it staggers from person to person Revkin encountered after Mendes was killed, allegedly by forest-hungry ranchers.

Indeed, Revkin never seems to have gotten to know his main character.

Hi-tech psychic

Electronic crystal ball is on the right track

SPACE-AGE mystic Ken Lineage gazed deeply into the screen of his psychic computer. And, after the hardware and software had churned around, it flashed up that I would be very lucky in love!

Then, according to an out-of-this-world print-out, the computer looked into my future and said I would be healthy and wealthy, too.

The man at the computers keyboard, bespectacled Ken, then asked the ghostly electronics to become more personal about me. Amazingly, the screen reported correctly that my father was dead, my mother was still alive and that I was the family's oldest child.

Unemployed Ken, a 41-year-old bachelor, says the computer controlled by a ghostly team, led by spirit guide Red Deer, is so far from the "normal" world as to be a "psychic computer program" — a program in the sky agree with more than Ken having the most modest fluster.

Ken said: "The computer told me the result of the Derby beforehand, and gave the winner of the next race, too. But I bet on some horses of my own as well, which didn't come up."

"So I am not as successful as the computer. I must say that I think on its record, the computer prefers flat racing rather than races over the jumps. I only backed the runner-up in the Grand National."

But Ken is certain he knows who will win the next General Election in Britain. His spooky computer flashed in bright green Mrs Thatcher. And he claims it's most unlikely forecasts come true. Ken, from Seaford, Sussex, told me: "I refused to believe the computer when it said that tiny Cameroon would beat Argentina, the bookies favourite, in soccer's World Cup. But when I saw it all come true on television, I had to admit that the spirits were right."

Ken claims that he has no idea what the computer will reply when he keys in random questions. Sometimes it becomes plain obstinate and refuses to answer at all. But it is all so way-out as to be beyond belief.

The high-tech psychic told me: "It's not a con. You can test it for yourself if you like. This computer is so astonishing that I didn't really believe it myself to begin with. But it's been right too often for coincidence. I would say the computer is 85 per cent correct."

"For instance, three months ago it told me that I'd have major mechanical problems with my car. Just a few days later, the prop shaft broke. I certainly wasn't expecting it, because I thought it was pretty good nick."

"And it's not just me the computer works for. The number of friends who've come back after I've given them a reading to tell me I was completely spot-on has surprised even me."

Ken pulled out the chair in front of the computer screen in an inviting way. "Go on," he said. "Why don't you have a go? There must be something you want to ask."

I checked with Red Deer that I was a

suitable person to use the worldly miracle of electronics. When he came up on the screen as giving me the "all clear," I started to ask questions... firstly as a test.

"That is when the computer confirmed the details about my family. Then, like everybody who has visited a fortune-teller on the end of the pier, I was curious about what the future had in store for me."

Ken recommended that I should go for his "tarot" reading, a print-out giving health, career and romantic prospects for the next six months. If I can believe what the computer told me, I am in for a good time.

Ken stumbled on his electric "crystal ball" a year ago by accident, when he was experimenting with a friend's computer program. He says he realised there was something about it at work when the computer began to give unnervingly accurate "yes" and "no" answers to a wide range of queries.

Since then, he has devoted hundreds of hours to perfecting the weird programme, so that the future can be spelt out in glowing green letters at the touch of a few keys. Hundreds of people have flocked to his rented bungalow to try to peep into the flickering screen of the future.

"Even though I've known I was psychic for at least ten years, the computer has added a whole new dimension to my abilities," said Ken. "I've had some fascinating conversations with spirits from the Other Side by speaking through the machine."

"This will sound daft, but I had Sir Winston Churchill on the line one day. I was asking him what he thought about Margaret Thatcher and he told that he admired her, but didn't like her as a person. He said exactly the same thing about Adolf Hitler."

Ken has vowed to put his magical computer to good use. He told me: "I feel as if I've been put on this earth as a spiritual guide, so it's my duty to help people and counsel them if they have problems."

"I believe in preparing people to face the bad things that might come their way by warning them about potential hazards. But I don't really enjoy predicting specific events."

"That can make people sit back and wait for fate to overtake them. Of course, if they take a totally passive attitude, like that, nothing at all will happen. Then they'll complain that the computer got it all wrong!"

Ken claims that he once enjoyed a jetset lifestyle, complete with Porsche and servants, as a security consultant in Saudi Arabia. But he says he gave it all up to return to England and work as psychic.

He told me: "I never charge for psychic consultations. How can I name a fee when the people in the most need might be the ones least able to pay? I get all the satisfaction I need for helping other people. That's worth more than any money in the world."

Ken just can't leave his magic computer alone. And he plans to spend hours talking to it in the future. He said: "I find it fascinating and mystifying. There's still so



Psychic Ken Lineage and his out-of-this-world computer. He says that so far, it has been 85 per cent accurate in its predictions.

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much to discover, that I'm learning all the time.

"I'm going to spend years and years on this. Eventually, I want to incorporate the Chinese I-Ching and Chinese horoscopes into a package that will tell people more about themselves than they ever wanted to know."

"And it would be nice if I made a small amount of cash from all this work. Perhaps an entrepreneur out there somewhere will give me the backing I need for more research. I've asked the computer, but it's been rather evasive on the subject...."

Smiling he added: "I have complete confidence in the spirits who guide me. But they have a sense of humour, and

sometimes they have some fun at my expense. They've told me some mad things. That I was going to marry a millionaire with triplets, for example. But they always confess they were teasing in the end."

"Humility is one of the first things you have to learn as psychic. Because someone, somewhere, is always going to take the mickey. But I really don't care if people mock me. I know I'm on the right track."

A few days later, much to the surprise of everyone except Ken, the tartan terrors suffered a humiliating one-nil defeat by the South American side.

That psychic computer was really switched on....

Teacher crisis

'Teach for America' finds solution

By Laurel Shaper

BOSTON: Wendy Kopp is turning her undergraduate thesis into reality. Last year, as a senior at Princeton University, Ms. Kopp conceived a plan to draw graduates from some of the best liberal-arts colleges into teaching.

Today, Kopp heads Teach for America, a private, nonprofit organisation with 22 full-time staff members and representatives at 100 of the top colleges across the United States.

The goal: to recruit 500 graduating college students who will dedicate two years to teaching in public schools that are suffering from teacher shortages. Students with outstanding federal loans will be placed in low-income schools in order to take advantage of existing loan forgiveness and deferment provisions of the Higher Education Act amendments of 1985.

"We're a national teacher corps," says Kopp, "and that's a unique concept in terms of actually recruiting people on a national scale to teach in the areas in which they're most needed."

The response to Teach for America has been "amazing," says Kopp. "You can't really argue with a programme that simply gets people who wouldn't have otherwise considered teaching to consider it," she says.

The first set of interviews, which were held recently at Yale University in New Haven, Conn., attracted 81 applicants. Six teams of two interviewees each are currently holding interviews on the 100 college campuses chosen as interview sites.

Kopp has raised about \$800,000 — mostly from corporations. On the day of her college graduation she received a grant of \$26,000 from Mobil Oil Co. This seed money allowed her to spend the summer laying the organisation's groundwork. The operating budget for 1990 is \$3 million. Although no federal funding has been received, she is exploring that possibility.

About 20 states now have alternative licensing programmes that permit people without

education degrees to teach in their public school system. School districts interested in employing Teach for America participants agree to pay candidates regular first-year salaries (an average of \$23,000) and to provide an experienced mentor for each new teacher.

Participants will serve in both inner-city and rural schools. Placement areas include: Los Angeles and outlying districts, Baton Rouge, La., New Orleans, Chicago, rural New Mexico, Georgia, and North Carolina.

"If we topped out and met the ceiling we've set," says Kopp, "then it would be about 100 people in rural sites and about 400 in urban ones."

Over the next decade, more than 200,000 new teachers will be needed each year in order to keep schools staffed, according to the National Centre for Education Statistics. Meanwhile, only 135,000 people are graduating from teacher training institutions each year, says Linda Darling-Hammond, professor of education at Columbia University in New York.

"The problem is how to very substantially increase the supply of people who want to teach and at the same time to upgrade the quality," says James Kelly, director of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. Teach for America is targeting minority graduates and math and science majors because these are areas with the greatest deficit.

"I think they're trying to be sensitive to the need to attract persons of colour and persons of different linguistic and cultural backgrounds," says Vito Perrone, director of the teacher education programme at Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass.

Dr Perrone is on the advisory committee designing a training programme for Teach for America recruits. The eight-week training session will take place this summer in Los Angeles. The city's year-round school system will provide a chance for practical teaching experience.

"They will come in with eight very good weeks.... in thinking

about issues of teaching and learning in schools," says Perrone. "So in that sense they are in a much different place than persons who come in through most alternative route programmes with no preparation at all."

Kopp describes the training as a highly intensive programme — 15 hours a day, six days a week. "One concept that runs throughout is multiculturalism," she says. Many of the incoming teachers will be thrown into situations and cultures completely different from anything they have ever known before.

There is a danger of students going into unfamiliar territory," says Linda Rottenberg, Teach for America representative at Harvard University. "It will be difficult if you have some students from a fairly suburban, privileged background going into an inner-city school."

Kopp acknowledges that some people are sceptical about these freshly graduated college students' ability to handle the tough issues that may well face them. "There's always going to be scepticism; there's also a lot of enthusiasm," she says. "It's by nature true that people will be sceptical about any new teacher."

In addition to experienced mentors who will be provided by the school districts, Teach for America plans to establish regional offices to serve as support networks. These offices will provide general support and networking opportunities, help with housing, and guide participants in the process of full teacher certification.

"Of course, Teach for America hopes that after two years people will be interested in trying to get certification and continuing on," says Dan Butin, the organization's representative at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Mass.

Those who do not continue teaching and move on to other careers in business, government, law — are expected to be advocates for educational improvement.

"People who come out of standard teacher education courses are not asked to give a two-year commitment; they're asked to give a one-year commitment," points out Mr Kelly.

But Dr Darling-Hammond views eight weeks of training as insufficient and says that similar initiatives started 20 years ago failed. "The programme structure allows them to make a contribution but very, very few of the new teachers stay," she says.

Nonetheless, the idealism behind Teach for America is apparent. The organization's red, white, and blue brochure boldly states: "America Needs You."

"It's clearly patriotic," says Ms Rottenberg. "It's Teach For America. It's trying to make America stronger." She speaks of education as a "fundamental patriotic notion" and the "backbone of American society," and says she's convinced that her generation is turning away from materialism and selfishness.

"At least 80 per cent of the student body here is involved in some public service activity," says Rottenberg, speaking about Harvard University. "We know that one of the reasons we're here is because some teacher somewhere along the line inspired us. We feel that we've gotten the most out of the system and want to give something back."

100 colleges join recruitment drive

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Across the United States, 100 colleges participated in "Teach for America Day" in February.

At the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in Cambridge, Mass., 400 people attended the event. More than 100 fifth-graders from the city's school system came to participate in educational sessions with college students who are considering becoming teachers through the programme.

Joice Himawan, an MIT graduate, is teaching the principle of lift to the young participants by helping them make and fly paper airplanes. "I think it is very important to get recent college students involved in teaching," she says. "They have something to give — they certainly know the subject matter, and they usually love it. Physics is a subject I love and it's fun to translate that interest by teaching young people."

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Mireille Naccache, an MIT freshman from Glenrose, Texas, hadn't thought of teaching after graduation until she heard about Teach for America. Her

decision on whether to participate "would depend on how it would affect my career. If companies would defer on hiring someone for two years so that they could devote that time to teaching, it would be very appealing," she says.

Laura Rottmann, a junior English major at Wellesley College, a women's college in Wellesley, Mass., finds it an attractive idea "if you don't want to worry about what you are going to do straight out of school."

Harvard University's version of Teach for America Day was on a smaller scale. About 35 fifth-graders came from a nearby elementary school to participate in classes on dance, improvisation, environmental issues, and international relations.

"The kids left saying, 'you guys aren't teachers, you're like brothers and sisters,'" says Linda Rottenberg, a Harvard senior and Teach for America representative. "They learned but they also had fun."

For the prospective Teach for America participants, the day was more than a publicity drive. "It was a chance for some of the applicants to get a real taste of teaching," says Ms Rottenberg. Javier Gonzalez, a graduate student in mechanical engineering at MIT and a native of Argentina, is impressed with the concept. "I think it's a good programme," he says. "I wish they had something I like that back home," he says, "but there is a lot more freedom to do things like this here in the United States."



Massachusetts Institute of Technology graduate Joice Himawan (right) shares ideas on paper airplanes with fifth-grade student.

JUNIOR TIMES

Dear Junior readers,
The weather has been very hot during the past few days. If you want to go out and play try and wait until six o'clock so that the heat is minimum.

Try to adapt to the weather as much as possible. Eating a lot of fresh fruit and salad rather than heavily cooked greasy foods is advisable. Also try and drink a lot of fluids to replace all the liquid you lose during the

day.
During the heat wave, skin tends to become very greasy. Your skin may look shiny. To keep it healthy and to prevent spots wash your face at least three times a

day. However do not use soap more than three times per day. If you feel your face has become greasy again, only rinse with water.

Manal

There are three things in circle 1 that are not in circle 2, and three things in circle 2 that are not in circle 1. WHAT ARE THEY?

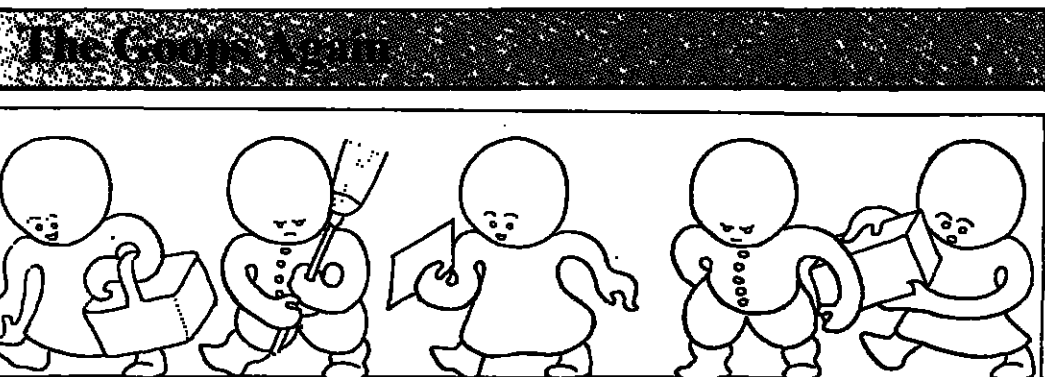


WHAT DO YOU GIVE A SICK PIG?

ORNKMENT!

Down on the farm

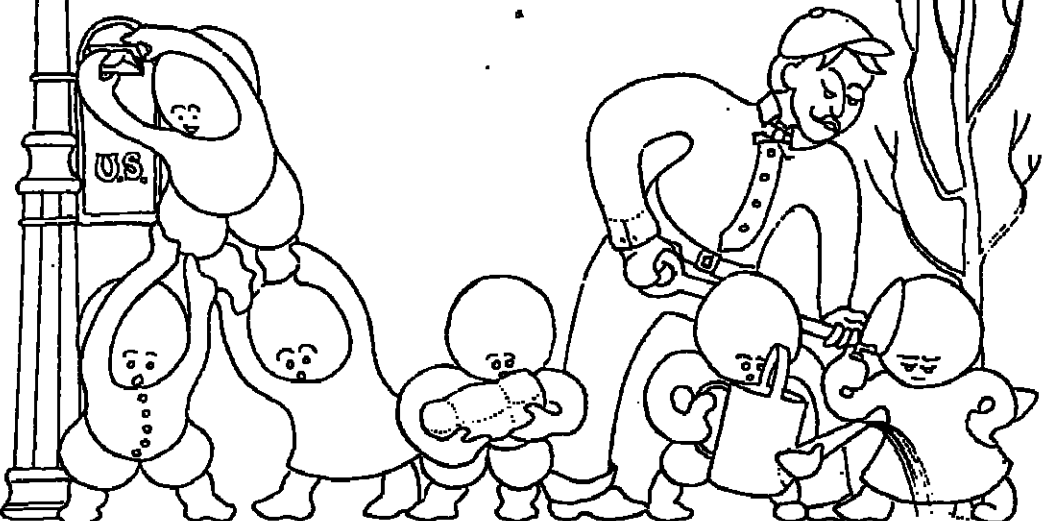
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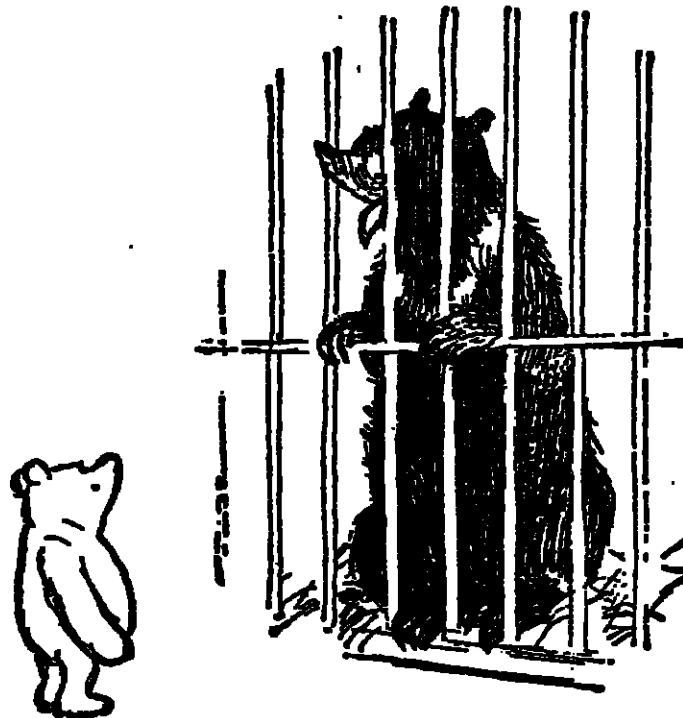
HELPFULNESS

I NEVER knew a Goop to help his mother,
I never knew a Goop to help his dad,
And they never do a thing for one another;
They are actually, absolutely bad!

If you ask a Goop to go and post a letter,
Or to run upon an errand, *how* they act!
But somehow I imagine you are better,
And you *try* to go, and *cry* to go, in fact!



Furry Bear



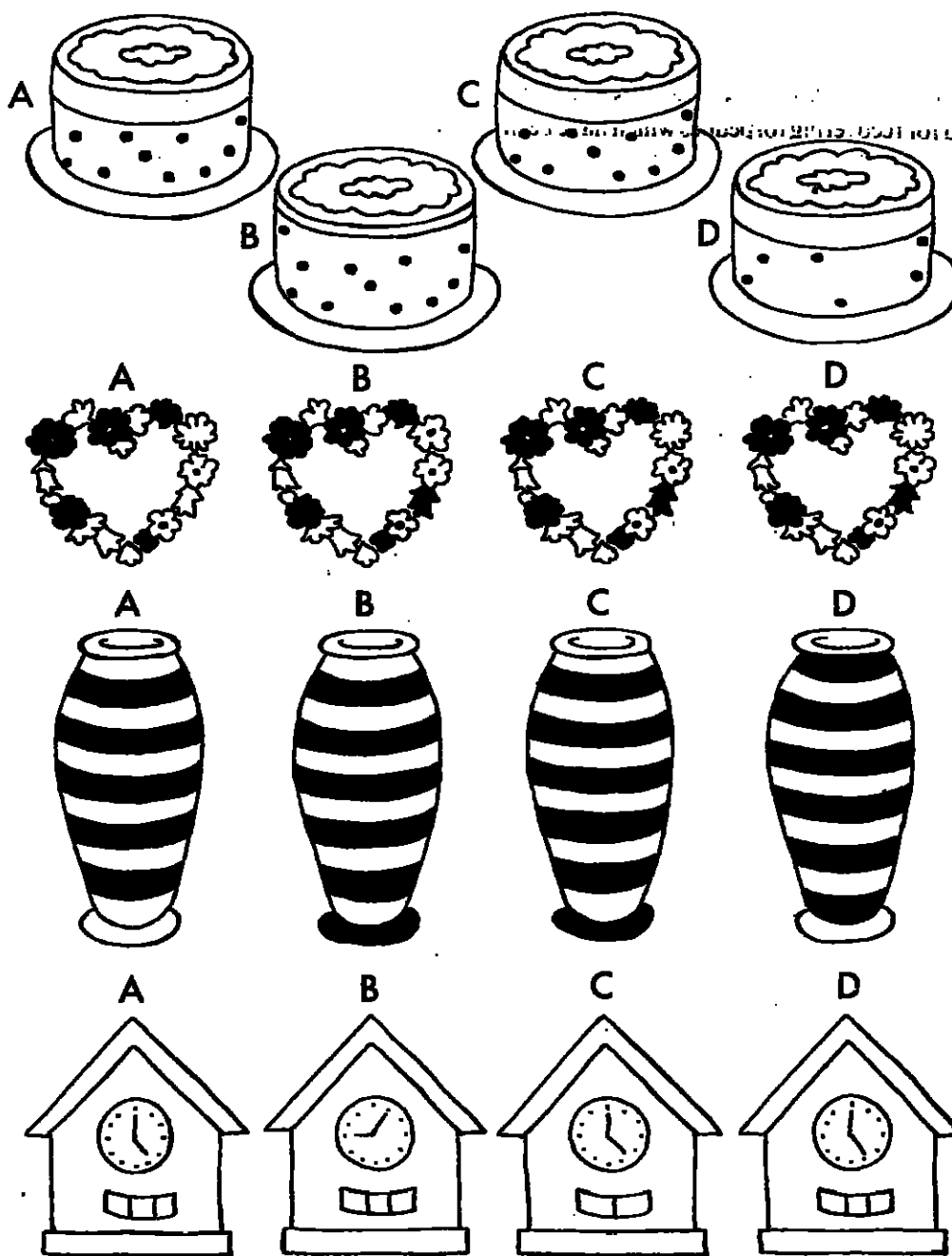
If I were a bear,
And a big bear too,
I shouldn't much care
If it froze or snowed;
I shouldn't much mind
If it snowed or friz—
I'd be all fur-lined
With a coat like his!

For I'd have fur boots and a brown fur wrap,
And brown fur knickers and a big fur cap.
I'd have a fur muffle-ruff to cover my jaws,
And brown fur mittens on my big brown paws.
With a big brown furry-down up to my head,
I'd sleep all the winter in a big fur bed.

A.A. Milne

Matchmaker

Find the two matching objects in each row.



Amazing facts

The first air charter holiday was organised in 1932 by the Polytechnic Touring Association of London who offered customers a week's holiday in Switzerland for £12-£14.

Robert the Bruce, medieval king of Scotland, was a French aristocrat and a descendant of a Norman lord who had landed with William the Conqueror.

George Bizet famous for his opera, Carmen, was so weakened by rehearsals for its premier, that he died just three months later at the age of 36.

'The' is the most frequently used word in the English language and 'I' is the word most often used in English conversation.

Among the Loango people of Africa, no young man may speak to a girl unless she is in the presence of her mother.

The oldest industry in New York is the fur trade started by the Dutch in 1615.

During the period of their close friendship, Sarah Churchill, the first Duchess of Marlborough, and Queen Anne used to call each other Mrs Freeman and Mrs Morley.

English royalty had only one baptismal name until William III (who was Dutch).

Bands of zinc have been nailed round the bottom of coconut palms in Tahiti. This is to keep rats from climbing into the tree-tops and eating the coconuts.

There are more than half a million saunas in Finland, and on average Finns take a sauna bath once a week.

In the city of Falun, Sweden, there is a copper mine that has been mined by the same company for more than 700 years.

In the twelfth century Henry I decreed that a yard was to equal the distance from the end of his thumb.

Apart from bridges and railway lines, Isambard Kingdom Brunel built the first transatlantic wooden paddle-steamer in 1837, and the first iron-hulled screw-propelled steamer, in 1843. When his prototype of the modern ocean liner, the Great Eastern, was launched in 1858 it was six times larger than any other ship afloat.

A rattlesnake or viper has special cells between its nostril and its eye which are sensitive to infra-red radiant heat. They can locate people in the dark by the heat they give off.

Baby of the week



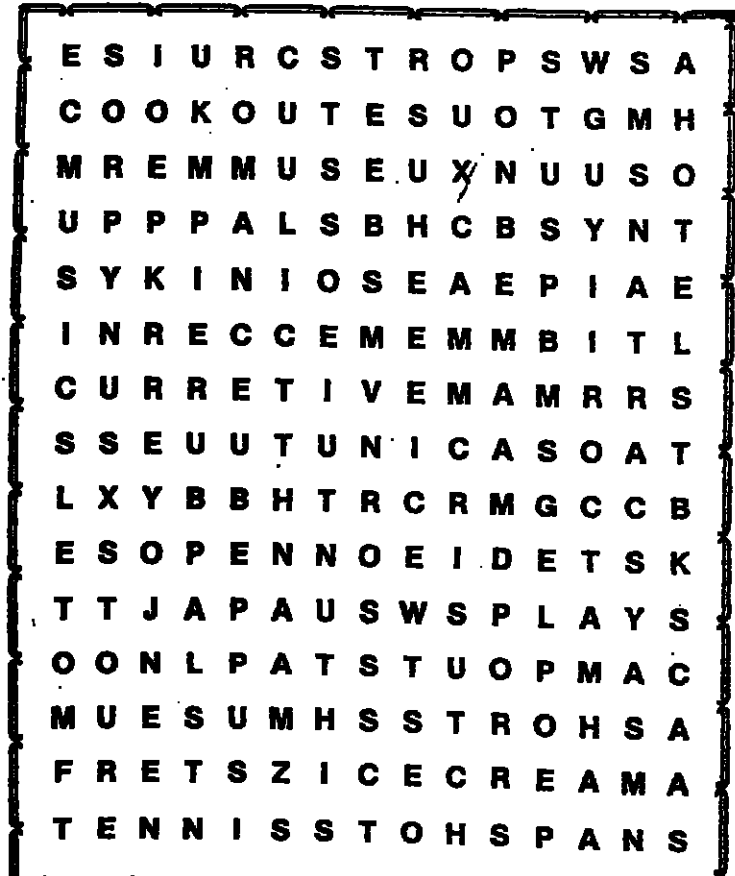
Cute Sameera Saleh Abu Zant celebrated Eid Al Adha surrounded with loving friends and family. Six months old Sameera loves playing and sleeping. She also loves her mummy.

Wordsearch

VACATION TIME

'Ah — remember our last vacation? Barbecues every day, that charming hotel, the museums and sights we saw! Let's start saving now for next year!

AMUSEMENT	EXERCISE	MUSEUM	ROMANCE	TENNIS
BARBECUES	PIKETS	MUSIC	HUNTS	TIME
BUGS	GAMES	NAPS	SHORTS	TOUR
CABIN	HAMMOCK	PALS	SNAPSHOTS	TRIP
CAMP OUT	HAPPY	PEOPLE	SPORTS	
COOK OUT	HOTEL	PICNIC	SUMMER	
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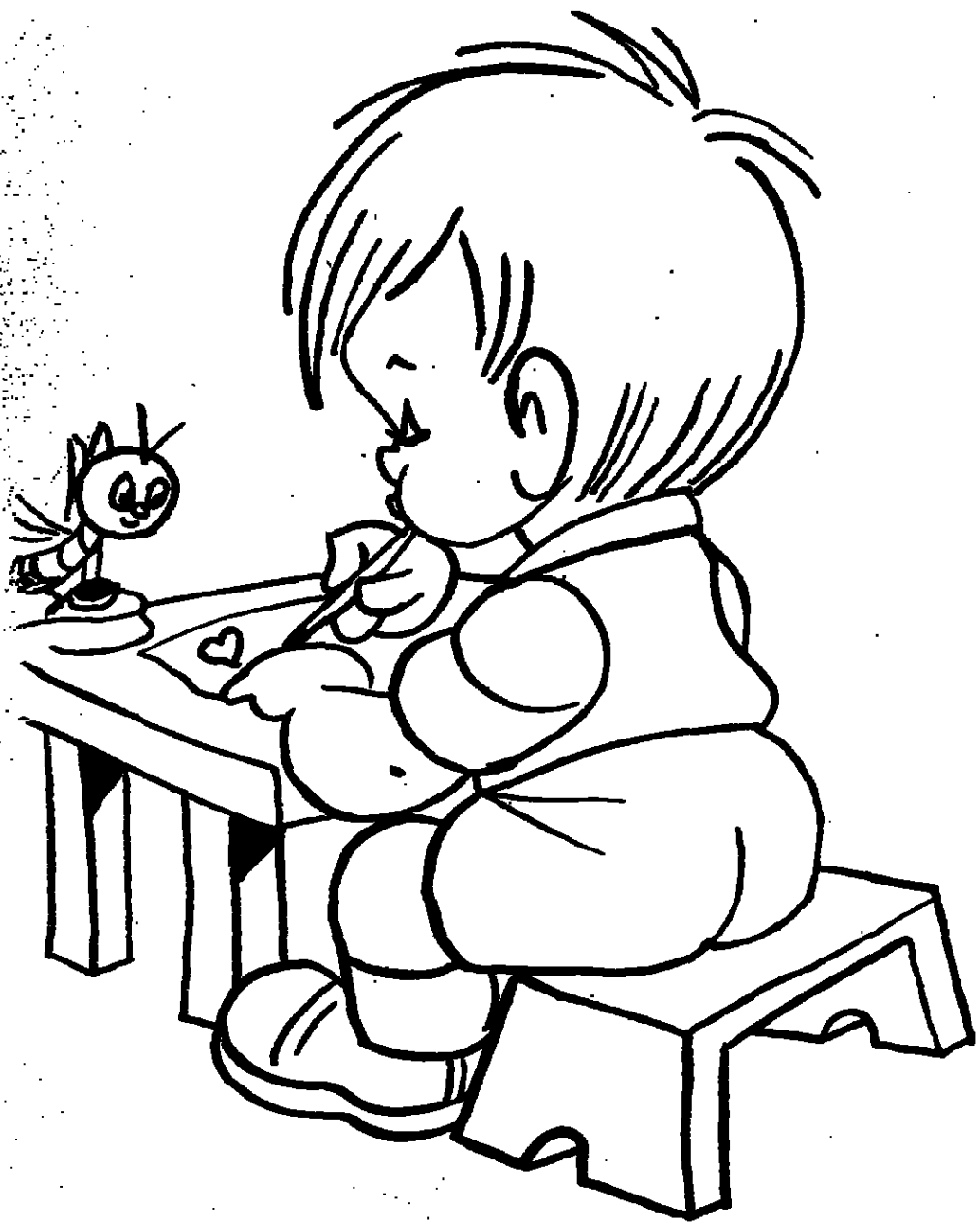


Did you know?

THE first time the famous comedian Danny Kaye went on stage, it was as a water melon seed.

IT is common for married couples who celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary to mark the occasion with an object made of gold, because this is their Golden Anniversary. Similarly when they reached their sixtieth one, something made from diamonds celebrates the Diamond Anniversary. But what commemorates the first wedding anniversary — do you know? The answer is something made from cotton — it is the Cotton Anniversary.

Colouring time



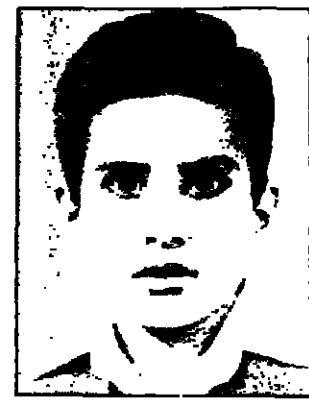
Rhyme time

Pat-a-cake, pat-a-cake, baker's man,
Bake me a cake as fast as you can.
Pot it and prick it and mark it with B,
And put it in the oven for Baby and me.

Join the dots to draw the B on the cake.
Then colour the picture.



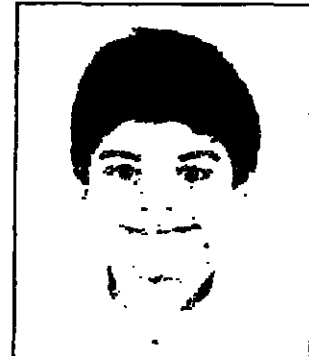
Happy birthday



Mohammed Naeem on July 13



Lorraine Misquith turned 6 on July 9



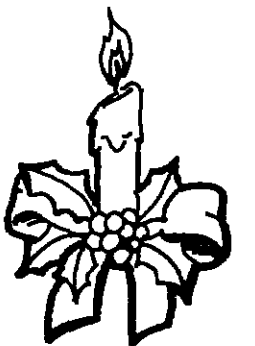
Elton Mathias turned 10 on July 10



Mohammed Zaheerudin turned 8 on July 8



Warren Fernandes turned 2 on July 11



Firsts and lasts

In 1483 the last pack of wolves disappeared from the streets of Paris. They terrorized the people in many of the cities of Europe, and this is where the saying 'To keep the wolf from the door' comes.

Jeans are called jeans because they were first made in the city of Genoa in Italy. The French name for that city is Genes.

The latest method the American Navy have used for recovering torpedoes which have been lost in deep water is by sending trained whales to retrieve them.

Blotting paper was discovered by mistake when a worker at a paper factory forgot to add the chemical which made the paper smooth.

Charles II was the first British king to go to a public theatre. It was also in his reign that the first women were allowed to act the female parts in plays. Before then these parts were taken by young boys.

In the Philippine Islands the yo-yo was first invented as a weapon in the sixteenth century and could lengthen out to 7 metres. It was first used as a toy in America in 1929.

When babies are first born they have about 350 bones in their bodies. Adults have 206 bones as some fuse together as a baby grows up.

Nasturtiums are common garden plants today. They were first called nasturtiums because of their strong smell; nasus means 'nose' in Latin and tortum means 'to twist'. So in fact their name means 'punch-on-the-nose'.

Counting in tens

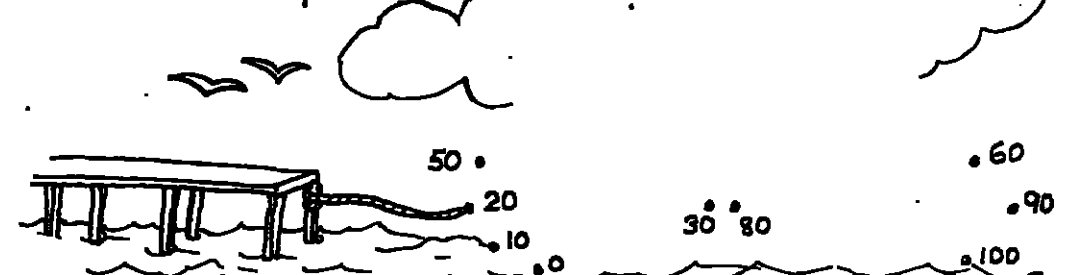
Count on in tens

0	+10		60	-10	
60			30		
30			10		
10			70		
70			100		
40			40		
90			90		
20			20		
50			80		
80			50		

Count back in tens

100 → → → → → → → → → →

Count on in tens and join the dots. Colour the picture.



Just for laughs!

My mum said, "Has anyone put the cat out?"
I said, "I have. I trod on its tail."

My uncle said, "See the elephant. It's got big feet."
I said, "What do you give it?"
He said, "A lot of room."

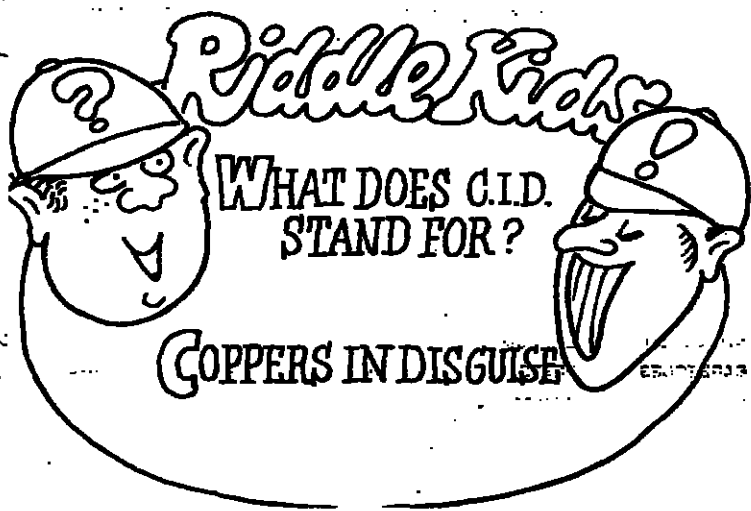
There was this girl at the fair, and everyone was shouting at her. "Go on, they said, 'Throw it, throw it, throw the ball.'"
But she wouldn't. And do you know why not? She was coconut shy.

Why do witches fly about on broomsticks?
Because vacuum-cleaners don't have long enough cords.

International Registrations

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What countries use these letters on their vehicles when travelling abroad?



Print the two-letter digraph you hear at the beginning of the words. Color the pictures.



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Quezon City, Nissan in Pook Kalinisan: Two barangays in Quezon City recently became the first beneficiaries of Oplan: Pook Kalinisan, the city's cleanup drive involving both private sector and the government in the maintenance and cleanliness of the streets.

Mayor Brigidio Simon Jr. and Philippine Nissan Corporation president Vicente Miles Jr. led the ceremonial cleanup in Barangays Kalusugan and Damayang Lagi along E. Rodriguez Avenue.

Rebels sell illegal logs: The military confirmed reports that the New People's Army (NPA) rebels sell illegally cut logs to several big logging firms and other small logging operators in Southern Mindanao to raise funds for the movement.

The military will meet the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) to stop all logging operations in the region.

PC chief Maj Gen Cesar P. Nazareno said confirmed reports said confirmed reports from field commanders in Region 11 pointed to some logging firms and other small operators as the alleged buyers of illegally cut logs sold by the NPA.

PC-1NP Reconn 11 commander Brig. Gen. Mariano Bacay Jr. reported to Nazareno that the NPA has been selling millions of pesos worth of illegally cut lumber to logging firms in Surigao del Sur.

Bacay said the recent influx of NPA rebels from Agusan provinces into Surigao del Sur indicated that the rebels have sought greener pastures to support their dwindling finances.

Intelligence reports showed that the Main Regional Guerrilla Unit (MRGU) of the Communist Party of the Philippines NPA in Southern Mindanao has moved its headquarters to Surigao del Sur in search of potential funding resources.

Front Guerrilla Unit 19 based in Surigao del Sur was reported to be the biggest contributor of financial and material resources to the MRGU, Bacay said.

Militiamen kill 6 MNLF men: Militiamen killed six Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) rebels during a gunbattle in Sitio Banawak, Barangay Anglad, Luuk town.

Four villagers and two other militiamen were wounded in the firefight.

The militiamen fought the attacking rebels, numbering about 200 and wearing Bangsa Moro uniforms.

Sporadic fighting was still going as the 50-man militia force fought the rebels who were armed with AK-47s, Armalites and Browning rifles. The fighting has forced Tausog families to leave their homes since Monday as the invading rebels began to burn houses, the barangay hall and the barangay centre.

The military identified the two wounded militiamen as Fahid Duan, 28, of Patikul and Mahiyun Sali, 29, of Luuk.

Solon seeks probe of BF seizure: Rep. Alberto J. Lopez has urged the House of Representatives to conduct a new investigation into the military seizure and forcible closure of Banco Filipino in 1985.

Lopez also proposed the re-opening of the bank so "thousands of Filipinos will be immediately employed through its banking and operations."

The Senate initiated an investigation into the BF case a few years ago but it has not come up with its findings.

Former Central Bank Gov Jose B. Fernandez Jr. had ordered the closure of the Banco Filipino in January 1985 despite its assets of over P6 billion as of December 31, 1984 against liabilities of P4.48 billion for a surplus of P1.53 billion, Lopez said.

Lopez noted that CB Gov. Jose L. Cuisia Jr. and the incumbent members of the Monetary Board "are without personal stake in the BF case and may be considered as impartial and in the best position to conduct an independent review and audit of its books and records to ascertain the legality of its closure."

Death for drug traffickers by yearend: Angeles City, Pampanga — The death penalty for drug traffickers would be approved by the Senate before the end of the year, Senator Ernesto Herrera predicted.

In an interview with newsmen after his speech at the all-city drug summit of the League of City Mayors of the Philippines (LCP), Herrera — also the chairman of the Senate panel on illegal drugs — said the approval will push through if no opposition would come from human rights advocates.

The 60-member LCP, headed by its president, Quezon City Mayor Brigidio Simon Jr. signed a resolution pushing for the re-imposing of the death penalty for drug traffickers to show their support for the pending bill.

The signing took place at the Century Hotel, this city.

LCP also approved eight other anti-drug abuse resolutions:

- asking prompt congressional passage to expedite the disposition of drug cases;
- asking Congress to pass a law creating a "special court" for drug-related cases;
- expressing full support for a bill seeking to institute a reward system in the campaign against crime and lawlessness;
- urging all city government to implement anti-drug abuse programmes;
- directing the mobilization of all barangays in the cities against drug abuse;
- asking Congress to legislate a law establishing regional rehabilitation centres; and
- seeking to affiliate with the Citizens' Drug Watch Foundation and identifying the LCP's permanent representative to it.

Trader killed on way to bank: A businessman was shot to death and his companion who was acting as his bodyguard was seriously wounded by three men who tried to steal the P200,000 they were about to deposit in a bank in Sampaloc, Manila.

Rodolfo Yabut, 60, of 534 F. Jhocson St. Sampaloc, was declared dead on arrival at the UST Hospital from two gunshot wounds in the body.

Yabut's companion, barangay councilor Mauro Castro, 38, is still in critical condition at the same hospital, said Sgt Joe Bulalakaw said they were still trying to determine if the suspects were able to get Yabut's clutchbag containing the P200,000. Witnesses claimed that Yabut clung to his bag with both hands even when he was already sprawled bloodied on the ground.

Yabut, a distributor of Procter and Gamble products, and Castro were walking alone F. Jhocson St. to deposit the P200,000 to a Bank of Philippine Island branch nearby when three men approached them at about 9 am.

The men announced the holdup and tried to grab Yabut's bag but the businessman resisted. The men shot him and his companion, Bulalakaw said.

Yabut's wife, Zenaida, 53, said her husband was also robbed last year.

Bulacan woman robbed: A 62-year-old woman was robbed of cash and jewelry worth P25,000 by six men in Barangay Sta Rosa-2, Marilao, Bulacan.

Police identified the victim as Feliza Gumafeliz, of Barangay Prensia, Marilao.

Gumafeliz told investigators that the men were riding in a jeepney and blocked the tricycle she was riding.

No good Samaritans: Sta Rosa, Laguna seems to have run out of good Samaritans.

A man suffering from a yet undetermined sickness lay dying on Sta Rosa road while tricycles passed him by, the drivers ignoring him. The unidentified man died on the road.

The man, according to residents of Barangay Pulong Sta Cruz, Sta Rosa, had no any identification papers, was about 25 to 35-year-old, and in denim pants and T-shirt.

"May pamahin kasi ang mga tao rito na masamang may mamatay sa loob ng sasakyan," said police investigator Pfc Danny Vallejo. Vallejo told People's Journal that there was no sign of any foul play on the man. "Baka inatake at natuluyan," he added.

The man's body was taken to the Barangay Pulong Sta Cruz chapel.

HMB man slain in encounter: A suspected leader of the Hukbong Mapagpalaya ng Bayan (HMB) allegedly involved in extortion in Bulacan was killed in an encounter with PC soldiers and town policemen on Aldava St in Baliuag, Bulacan.

Slain was Leonardo Salvador, 34, alias "Kumander Dulac" of Apalit, Pampanga.

Capt Emilio Sarmiento, chief of the 175th PC Company, said Salvador died from four bullet wounds in the chest, hips and right leg. Salvador and several HMB men led by Kumander Sonny Pangan also of Apalit, Pampanga, were in Baliuag town allegedly on extorting mission when Capt Sarmiento learned of their presence from an informer.

Bukidnon: the beautiful cattle country

Part 1

IT IS high up, at about a thousand feet altitude; the excellent roads wind past gorges and bamboos, pineapple fields and coconut groves; the earth is darkly moist, the air clear and fresh. Bukidnon province is beautiful, yet little known to most, except perhaps for a reputation as cattle country, and the site of the Del Monte plantation.

We got there from Cagayan de Oro, on a bus that left at 5:30 am, but was being boarded and almost filled before 5. As with most provincial buses, the trick is to get there early, claim a seat, cram one's luggage under it, and wait. It leaves promptly, but since the bus lines (in this case Bachelors is the name) are the arteries of travel for all provincial folk, they are almost always filled — with vendors rushing to early markets bearing fish and vegetables and plastic basins, parents and grandparents and children, businessmen, nuns, workers of all kinds.

It is a good ride. The "5-stop" bus didn't stop till Malaybalay; the driver was sure and skilful; and the air through the open window (there are air-conditioned buses, but not at dawn) so invigorating that we hardly noticed the fine dust that filtered in as well, powdering our hair and our luggage.

We were rushing to Malaybalay for the Sunday *tabu*, the market that brings in vendors from the cities with their urban goods, and farmers from the hinterlands with their products. In the *tabu*, city/town commerce, country produce, and townsfolk needs meet in weekly dialogue. In it one meets the concrete encounter of supply and demand, the base-level of commerce, the face of everyday living.

From the Malaybalay bus terminal tricycles take one up the hill to the town and the market in its heart. Although most transient *tabu* and *talipapa* as well as permanent *palengke* have similar features — meat, fish, vegetables and other commodities following the patterns of the Filipino diet — always one finds something to surprise or delight. We first met rows of snack-sellers, from whom we bought breakfast: lumpia frying on the spot, *ibus* wrapped in coconut leaves (in a pattern different from the Tagalog).

Vegetables — edible fern, sayote, kangkong, *atip* — were abundant, not grouped for cooking as in the big markets (Davao's Iligan's), because at the *tabu* the vendors are the producers as well, who have to return home at end of day; they do not have time to sit, sort out the wilting or browning vegetables, and slice up the good parts to sell. *Ubud*, however, in greater quantity than at city markets, is sold cut up and lumpia (ready; and the ingredients for kinilaw — *tabon-tabon* (to scrape for a slightly bitter tang), and small times — are shown and sold together.

Meat stalls — also in temporary shelters — were flocked to, and so especially were the baskets of fat crabs, the fish, and the buckets or cans of *bagoong*, since these were all "imported" from Cagayan and Davao, no part of Bukidnon being beside the sea.

The live chickens, mostly the black and browns of native breeds, sold fast, feet tied and wings flapping. The whole flocks brought in hot and bleating were all gone by early afternoon. Coconuts were sold hush-on (no grating machines in the *tabu*). The fruits reflected the provincial, highland character of Malaybalay: marang, rambutan, siniguelas, pineapples. Absolutely, wonderfully, no apples.

The medicine man was prominent, with his table of powders, potions, seeds, bottles, branches. This one had crucifixes in his big and little bottles adorning twigs, seeds, leaves, bark. He also had a pile of teeth — not for sale, but to advertise his tooth-pulling prowess. A youth consulted him, and he picked out a bottle, rubbed the liquid into the boy's neck, and gave him a *hilot*-massage. An attentive crowd watched, examined the magic bottles, even the dead teeth.

Most popular feature of all, however, were the piles of used clothes on the street — *ukay-ukay*, they are called (in Visayan meaning to rummage through, also to mess up). Men and (mostly) women to rummage through, messing up the piles, measuring clothes against themselves — the "relief" US goods obviously more popular than the used pieces from local sources. Food one needs everyday, but clothes are special buys at this weekly market day.

A friend's friend had reserved rooms for us at Haus Malibu, a neat little pension (tiny restaurant, rooms with fans, telephone-type showers, and all the amenities, at P180 a night) owned by a German and his wife. We dumped our bags, and rushed on to Valencia to catch its *tabu*, also on Sunday. Neighbouring towns often have their *tabu* on different days, so that both vendors and buyers can commute, but obviously Valencia and Malaybalay live separate marketing lives, and find Sunday favourable for their sellers and buyers.

Valencia is a 30-minute jeepney ride away. The jeep stops once at a crossing to snag passengers coming on super-crowded buses (people and produce flowering on the roof) from the inland towns, and then takes one to the bus terminal in the heart of the town.

Never having heard of Valencia (it is named for the town of Valencia in Bohol, from which immigrants had come), I had thought it was a suburb of Malaybalay, and only knew that some relatives from Negros had settled there. It is no suburb, being a frontier town more bustling than the capital, teaming on a Sunday with workers eager to collect their pay, buy, and drink. The terminal is a huge open space ringed by eating places, barbecue on one side and carinderias on the other, with buses winging in and out, horns loudly honking, bearing signs like Davao and Wao (the frontier town settled in Maguysay era by immigrants dreaming of bountiful lands).



Sundays always sell well.

Hungry again, we had *paklay* at a carenderia called Eyo's. Paklay, which we have been tracking through the Visayas and Mindanao, appears in different guises — goat, pork, or beef tripe, with bamboo shoots or other vegetables (in my town, Silay, with green pineapple and balimbing), spiced high or mild. It is obviously a Visayan migrant, originating in the Cebuano or Ilongo areas, currently almost an index of carenderia quality. The carenderia that has it, often has an interesting selection and rather good food; the one that doesn't bother with it, is often sub-pedestrian. And yet we have found it at a tiny bus-station three-caldero table in Dipolog.

Eyo is almost a prototype Bukidnon settler. He moved there from Surigao in 1976, ventured into a vulcanising shop that succeeded, and shifted to food, which also succeeded. His food background is therefore Cebuano, and this dominates the food

which his wife cooks and he sells (kinilaw, paklay, caldereta, fried chicken, nilagang baka), although it has infusions of Tagalog cooking. Their cuisine source was, unbelievably, a cookbook written in (or translated to, he thought) Cebuano, the title of which he couldn't remember.

Later we were to interview other carenderia owners, since we spent a lot of time peering into calderos in order to discern the patterns of Bukidnon food. One place called Tagalog Eatery near the sugar central Busco, thrilled us — a Tagalog infusion, we thought. However, Tagalog turned out to be the family name of the owners, who were

Cebuano. We were finding out that the immigrants brought their home cultures and cooking into their homes, and these had filtered into the public eating places. Thus the Bukidnon food-for-sale is largely Cebuano (which included Boholano), with some Ilongo (*lumpiang ubod*, *ginataang langka*), some Ilocano (*pinakbet* was almost everywhere, starting from breakfast), and some food generally considered Tagalog (*adobo*, *nilaga*, *sinigang*) but not exclusively so.

Wmafor de la Rosa Abella, 62, who has been in Valencia since Leyte. Now she cooks for her own carenderia (Abella's, the bus drivers' chosen stop), and a son and daughter-in-law have their own eatery nearby. Her menu offers Ilocanos dishes — *pakbet*, and cold dishes *pinapaitan*, *Kilawen*, *caldereta* — but only as a minority, since the other dishes — *sinigang*, *humba*, *adobo*, *apritada*, *ginataang langka*, *mungo* — are Cebuano/Ilongo ("they are the same," she says), which she learned from experience and from books. She starts cooking at 3 am, opens at 5:30 or 6:00, and closes about 9:30 after the last trip of the buses she caters to. It's a hard, but fairly successful life. She recounts, for example, how her *pinapaitan* is best in the morning, because through the day the *tabaw* is in demand, and she has to keep adding broth. At day's end little is left in her calderos, although some can be freshened and recycled.

Cebuano, Ilongo, Ilocano, Tagalog dishes and tastes were melding in Bukidnon, we saw. Where, we wondered, was the Manobo and Binukid ethnic food?

(To be continued)

The lawful truth

Yes to 'sin taxes'

HEREWITH my speech on the "sin taxes" debate last June 6. I agree that "taxes are what we pay for civilized society."

The distinguished Minority Floor Leader has just read a letter of two from some constituents opposing this bill. I would be surprised if we would be getting a lot of mail in support of the bill, if at all. The natural tendency is the resist taxes.

Thus it is not surprising that Holmes made his famous pronouncement, joined by Brandeis, that "taxes are what we pay for civilized society..." in a Philippine tax case, *Compania General de Tabacos v. Collector of Customs*, 275 US 87, 100 (1927), appealed to the US Supreme Court. (The facts are not the same, but the observation is not irrelevant). Historically our tobacco industry, like everybody else, has resisted taxes.

Were we stampeded? No, it was not as if we had only eight days to consider this bill. Even before that, the President called on the congressional leadership and that of the appropriate committees. We are not really like the independent Supreme Court. The political departments are supposed to work together as members — *Mangkakabalik* — of the ruling coalition.

IMF influence? No, I do not, vote on this bill because of it, in the same manner that we did not vote favourably on so many pro-poor measures on its urgings.

Sale of assets? We are now told to sell assets. But in today's *Chronicle* we see how litigation ties up proceedings. That was what happened in the Pines Hotel sale. We blocked the Roppon transaction. Recovery of ill-gotten wealth? Again, smart lawyers exploit a creaking, cash-strapped judicial system.

Trim the bureaucracy? But we could create an army of unemployed with their own set of problems.

Check corruption? Our inability to pay above the level of corruption has its own dynamics. We need more money to improve the pay of public servants.

Hence, the "sin tax." No, we will not talk of taxing bad grammar. Else, the syntax alone of some public officials may yield a fortune.

To begin with, I do not myself accept that drinking and smoking are necessarily sinful although Sen. Tamano and Sen. Lina have good arguments to the con-



trary, based on Quranic and Biblical precepts. Vices, perhaps, but not sins. We seek to impose a tax on non-essentials harmful to body and spirit.

This is not an anti-poor Congress let us get that clearly. We have passed a number of bills exempting from, or reducing, taxes and we still have before us a lot more of such measures. The Kalakalan ng 20 has deprived us possibly of hundreds of millions if not billions, of pesos in taxes, if we are to believe Rep. Enrique Garcia, who has expertise on the subject. That remains to be seen, along with his fears on the Value Added Tax leakage. We have exempted water districts, Balikbayans, banks, sports equipment, etc. We have liberalised the laws on smuggling. We have exempted certain family homes from realty taxes.

At the same time, we try to provide more and more basic social services. How do we pay to free high school education and subsidised college education to benefit the poor? How do we finance higher pay for the poor teachers, soldiers and other civil servants? How do we improve the lot of the veterans and the barangay officials? Roads, canals, dams, generation, ambulances, etc, etc, cost money. The Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Programme is costly. The

Salary Standardisation law is costly. We want hospitals, telephones, artesian wells, irrigation systems, multi-purpose pavements and conversion plans. Then we direct the executive department to implement these projects with money that is not there.

Taxes are like castor oil, or the oil that lubricates progress, if you will. The populist and popular position historically and heroically is to resist the imposition of any and new taxes. But to take the opposite position is not necessarily an irresponsible, sadistic one. We are not weather vane.

Ninoy Aquino told me in 1982 that in the old Congress, they were as gutless cowards when it came to raising taxes. But we must look at every proposal on the basis of the greatest good for the greatest number. If that would displease some of my constituency, I just hope and pray that they will try to understand.

We will also raise tax exemptions and try to deliver more basic services. I believe that the taxpayer's real resentments are that they do not get enough for what you pay as taxes. Unfortunately, Mr. Marcos left us this huge debt, a problem we cannot ignore, either. Bureau of Internal Revenue and Customs collections have risen, but *Kulang pa*

rin po.

This measure may have become necessary partly because of us. Congress, with its new programs and tax reduction or exemption schemes, is one of the biggest causes of our chronic deficit. We could be so creative when it comes to ordering the Executive to spend money we don't provide her.

As a matter of plain and simple justice, we must redress the balance. Who else will help the suffering Motherland for the sake of those who will come before us? Let us revive the spirit of EDSA, where we were prepared to pay and give up much more. Money does not grow on our fast-disappearing trees, but comes from the sons and daughters of the Motherland.

No answer is ever perfectly satisfactory in taxation. But the answer that satisfies me better than anything else is yes, we should, on this one.

Drinking and smoking, incidentally, are not confined to the poor alone.

Sen. Mercado, Sen. Ziga and Sen. Herrera have filed bills to deter or ban smoking. Taxation is more benign than prohibition.

Will our constituents punish in 1992 those voting yes here? I believe they will judge a Senator by the total manifestation of her performance and not by the testimony of a single vote. But, read my lips: I am not running in 1992.

Sen. Mercado pushes the passion — on theory — that merchants will "compensatorily" increase the price of their products. I believe economic Darwinism has its own inexorable logic. Against his premise we see the empirical data provided by the BIR that consumption of cigarettes and alcohol products does not decrease due to new taxes. These are affordable, history indicates.

Sen. Laurel said that then candidate Cory promised no new taxes. As her spokesman, I know of no such thing. She did promise to reduce excessive taxes such as those on fuel, in 1986 alone we did reduce its price thrice. He did have confused her with Mr. Bush who said at the 1988 Republican Convention: "The Congress will push me to raise taxes, and I'll say no, and they'll push again, and I'll say to them, 'read my lips: no new taxes.'" But of late, even he has reportedly reconsidered.

Gentle & blessed

Miguel Romero

If there will ever be an 8th Beatitude, it should read, "Blessed are the gentle for they shall live in paradise." And that should go to the people of Negros Oriental.

God must have created Negros Oriental as the paradise here in the Philippines. The people are gentle and the natural resources, bountiful. The land is rich and verdant. As a matter of fact, the town of Bais is known to be with soil that is most suited for sugarcane. The mountains are arable and the sea has bountiful produce. And together with the many projects for improvement of the livelihood of the people initiated by their hardworking congressman, can they ask for more?

Guess who Miguel Romero is? Miguel L. Romero is a Dumaguete born, self made lawyer and businessman. He studied first in Silliman University and later at the Ateneo de Manila where he took up Bachelor of Law.

The 50-year-old lawyer turned congressman, was the heir apparent to an illustrious name that has been in Negrense politics since immemorial. The family has always produced either a governor, a congressman or a mayor. His uncle was an ambassador. With politics in his blood, his role as a businessman has done a lot for his district. His projects include the expansion and improvement of the airport in Dumaguete, which has recently been made an alternate international airport to Mactan.

The pier and port services will also be expanded. The project has an allocation of P60 million. This is now ongoing. The road network has become Mike's baby. The construction of the 175 kilometre road that will cut travel time between Dumaguete and Bacolod by 3 hours is a dream come true for Mike. The road project has now started.

The Romeros are from the town of Tanjay. It is the town that has become the centre of culture in the province. All the Negros projects start in Tanjay, like that for the second district of Negros which has provided halogen lamps for its parks to be illumined every night. The sinulog festival of ancient times started in Tanjay not in Cebu.

Tanjay boasts of a live orchestra. The people are so musically inclined, that Mike's dream is to make the town a music land in Philippines. It is so unique that it is the only place in the country where every Friday anybody can let his or her hair down and dance the night away, with the music of live band. It is the tourist attraction of the district.

Mike has likewise set his sights on the town of Mabinay. The town is so picturesque, just like those old California towns with rolling hills and mountains, rain forest as well as cattle ranches and coconut and sugar plantation. The town will become the next boomtown of the region. And Mike can only look forward with optimism that one day, Mabinay will be the centre of activities in the province.

The congressman has a supportive wife in the person of Menchu. Mike is also known as the father of the pretty and talented Cassandra Romero.

Lucky for him, he has a cousin, by the name of Butch who is always there to help. He also has a hardworking secretary Cecille Goyena.



Wedding not yet in diary

ALTHOUGH they are still as close as can be, Jestoni Alarcon and Rachel Lobangco say it will take sometime before they take the plunge. Their immediate plan is to be able to save money, so they can start a business of their own.

Both claim they are still in demand in their respective careers. Since acting in the movies to be where the money is, they want to take advantage of the opportunity.

Jestoni has just wrapped Kristal for his mother studio Seiko Film.

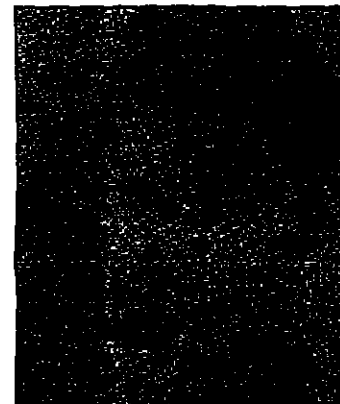
Rachel is currently doing a movie for Solar Films with her elder sister, Lani Lobangco.

Songstar Claire De La Fuente wed Boy De Guzman, father of her six-year-old son, Jigo Boy, at elaborate ceremonies held at the Ayala-Alabang Church last May 26. Senator Ernie Maceda and top movie producer Mother Lily Monteverde were among their principal sponsors.

The couple, who married in civil rites seven years ago, decided to get married in church when they discovered that their son to be enrolled at a Catholic school, a marriage certificate should be presented.

Ruffa Gutierrez reveals that since her break-up with Dennis Da Silva, she has been swarmed with suitors, some of whom are her age; others much older.

"But I tell them frankly that at the moment, I really have no time for love," Ruffa, who turned 16 on June 20, said. "For really, my prime concern at the moment is my career. This is, in fact, what I told Dennis when I talked to him over the phone, while he was confined at the Cardinal Santos Hospital. He was rushed there right after he figured in a near fatal car accident."



Rachel



Jestoni

Dr Tongson: a surgeon with faith

Amidst the stern medical atmosphere of her clinic at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Dr Lahoz Tongson gives off warmth, wit and charm one does not expect from a doctor of her stature. The rather intimidating list of achievements she has under her name belies the quick that made her take up medicine. For unlike a lot of her colleagues, the young Teresita did not at all dream of becoming a doctor. It was simply a choice she made over a teaching course her mother actually preferred for her. Besides, it was during World War II and there really weren't too many courses to choose from. I went home to Iloos then and the only subjects that were open were pre-med subjects," Dr Tongson recalls. After finishing Associate in Arts at the College of Immaculate Conception in Vigan in 1947, she went back to Manila and took up Medicine at the University of Sto. Tomas.

Decision

It may not be exactly what she wanted then but it was a good decision. In 1952 Teresita Tongson Graduated Magna Cum Laude and in the same year passed the Philippine Medical State Board. For a short time she worked as a volunteer doctor at the Abra Emergency Hospital. But like most young doctors she felt the need to further broaden her knowledge and America then, as it still is now, was the only place for such a quest. In 1952 she joined the medical staff at St Vincent Hospital at Worcester, Massachusetts. That began years of more training culminating in a Special Chief Residency post at Woman's Hospital in Philadelphia in 1960.

Consultant

Dr Tongson considers her American stint as the best years of her life. "I was young and learning the arts of plastic and reconstruction medicine and surgery — two specialisations which I am now devoting my life to." Yet her happiness wasn't total. In spite of her professional growth she was homesick. "My feeling then was that I was just another doctor. The Americans even called me 'that little Chinese doctor.' Obviously they were confused about my nationality. So I asked myself, What am I doing here? Why don't I go home and help my own countrymen? And I did."

Coming back to the Philippines was worth all the training she had in the states. She has no complaints for the state of the profession which she considers one of the nobler callings of our time. Right now Dr Tongson is a consultant at Our Lady of Lourdes, a task she alternated with teaching — ironically, the work she tried to avoid in taking up medicine. Yet she's obviously adjusted to the role of a teacher which she performs at the University of the East Mag-saysay Memorial Medical College.

Despite her myriad responsibilities, Dr Tongson had managed to give time to run a centre for the disabled. The Martin de



Porres Charity Hospital Department of Cranio — facial Reconstruction gives service to the cleft lip and the cleft palate patients. The lady doctor takes pride in being part of this charitable team which is composed of consultants from the different disciplines of medicine pooling their expertise for the benefit of the handicapped — in speech, the head, face, teeth, and jaws, specially cleft lip/palate individuals. "We believe that these people are themselves disabled, unable to go out to look for jobs, go to school and even casually smile to greet other people," she says. "We work for these individuals in an effort to reconstruct their physical defect."

Luxury

Understandably, time is a luxury the doctor doesn't have much of. "But everything I am doing right now is worth all the training and education I went through in fact it is the service of these people, the disabled which gives me the most satisfaction in my profession."

Perhaps it is this devotion which relegated her personal life to the background. Dr Tongson never married although not for lack of interested men nor for the absence of respect for men one would expect from an achiever of her caliber. On the contrary Dr Tongson has only praises for her male colleagues whose trust she has graciously "invaded." "I was

never discriminated by my male peers," she says matter of factly. "Perhaps it's because I've always given them the respect they deserve that I've also been treated with the equality most women in any field would want to have. This is true even in my stay in America. And this has made me very happy." Somehow this respect may have, in many instances, develop into awe.

Intimidating

The lady has put her profession way above everything else that by the time she was ready to entertain the male she was already a very figure in a very tough field. Inevitably, she has become intimidating for most males. On her part the priority remained to be her profession which apparently suits her just fine. But Dr Tongson has adapted a daughter who is the other love of her life. Surprisingly she has a much better — progressive, in fact — outlook on their relationship than most mother-daughter relationships we have nowadays. For one, they're both busy — the mother in her profession, and the daughter in her studies. No she's not taking up medicine. "She has just finished B.S. biology. She insisted on taking up the course although I knew that she's better in arts," Dr Tongson says not without a tinge of disappointment.

"Anyway, I allowed her to proceed and at least finish a career. So now we are at a standstill. She's resting. She doesn't

even want to think about studying again. So we'll see. The point is I give her as much freedom to do what she thinks is best for her at the same time giving an allowance for us to interact."

So far, the doctor is fulfilled. "I find time to give myself a break once in a while. But overall I'm quite relaxed and satisfied with the way things are."

Advice

Obviously she is. "I used to be hot-tempered, and strict. I'm no longer as strict now though I'm still the disciplinarian that I've always been. More so with my students since medicine, I believe, needs the best of discipline among its students and practitioners."

She has quite an advice for those planning to be future doctors: "People who don't have the humility and compassion for other people should not go into medicine. Neither should people who have material motives."

Dr Tongson, no doubt, knows what she's talking about. After all, she's experienced the ups and downs of a profession that is perhaps the toughest anybody could find in these modern times. Yet she has a simple guiding principle which, she believes, has brought her to where she is now: "Faith in God."

Coming from a surgeon's mouth, such phrase puts the scalpel on a brighter light — specially that which she wields.

From the provinces

QUEZON CITY: Quezon City prosecutors assigned to handle anti-narcotics cases resigned "en masse" to protest the allegedly rampant corrupt practices committed by police anti-narcotics unit agents.

In a letter handed to Vice Mayor Vicente Sotto III, chairman of the QC anti-drugs abuse council, QC Prosecutor Jose Ercestan Jr announced the decision to "pull out" anti-drugs prosecutors Ricardo M. Molina, Benjamin Mayo, Rogelio Velasco, Conrado Refuerzo, Leoncio Sales Jr., Mercedes Penamora, and Tirso Gavero from the drug cases they are handling.

The resignation of the prosecutors was described by Sotto as a "big blow to the city's anti-narcotics efforts." He urged Ercestan and his prosecutors to hold their decision in abeyance until he takes up the issue with QC police chief Col Rodolfo Garcia and Mayor Brigid R. Simon Jr.

During a dialogue with Sotto, the city prosecutors blamed ANU members for the setbacks suffered by the city government in the fight against drug traffickers.

The prosecutors cited specific cases in which criminal charges against suspected pushers were dismissed by inquest prosecutors due to sloppy operation and investigation of cases by ANU agents.

In one case handled by Velasco, policemen reportedly extorted money from suspected "shabu" pusher Lourdes Tan, a provincemate of Ercestan.

GENERAL SANTOS CITY: Three suspects in the killing of the brother of a fishing magnate here and two other persons were arrested recently by the police.

The suspects, identified as Jesus Gemporo, Rudy Orbita and Joseph Pines, were taken to the city jail. The fourth suspect, Bobby Canete, is still at large and believed to be hiding in Davao City.

The arrest of the suspect came in the wake of the probe conducted by a National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) team led by Region 12 director Ambrosio Fet on orders of NBI Director Alfredo Lim.

Fet identified a survivor, Alberto Pontino, uncle of Jobor Pontino, manager of the export firm J. D. Pontino fishing. Charges of multiple murder and frustrated murder were filed against the suspects.

MANILA: Hadja Omera Dianalan Lucman, eldest daughter of the late Rep. Omar M. Dianalan and wife of Region 12 LTP Chairman Ali Basir Lucman, said that in the interest of truth, justice and equity, the Dianalan family will pursue to the final end the legal proceedings over the electoral protest against the late congressman.

Hadja Omera Lucman deplored reports that a certain Muslim group will ask the Congressional Electoral Tribunal (CET) to name a former official as her father's successor.

Lucman cited some sectors' ignorance of the law for invoking the principle of succession which has no applicability to the various issues of the election protests pending before the CET on the first district of Lanao del Sur.

She said the absence of representation cannot be substituted by the CET by parcelling out the position not through merits or on the basis of appropriate legal procedures to anybody who may not actually deserve it.

"The protest against my father," she said, "should be resolved not by succession but according to law."

ABRA DE ILIG, Occidental Mindoro: The construction of the pier at barangay Matang and the two tributary bridges in same barangay and in Lumang-Bayan, this town, has been completed.

The pier, whose initial foundation was laid during the term of the late congressman Pedro O. Medalla Sr in 1968, was inaugurated recently together with the two bridges. Gov. Pedro O. Medalla Jr, led the inauguration as Trade Secretary Jose Concepcion Jr, foreign dignitaries, national and local officials, guests, and Mindoreños hailed the completion of the pier and the two bridges.

DAVAO CITY: Defence Secretary Fidel V. Ramos urged the forging of a defence and economic agreement

among Southeast Asian nations to lessen dependence of developing countries on foreign powers.

Speaking at the opening of the Third Philippine-Indonesia Maritime Pollution (Marpol) exercise here, Ramos cited the need for strong co-operation and unity among Asian nations. The Marpol exercise is held yearly by the Philippines Coast Guard and the Indonesian General Sea Communications Office (IGSCO).

Commodore Carlos Agustin, PCG commandant, and Gen. J.E. Habibie, IGSCO director, led the Marpol conference to improve maritime pollution control between Indonesia and the Philippines.

MANILA: Public Works and Highways Secretary Fiofello R. Estuar said the cleaning and repair of damaged drainage pipes in Metro Manila has been going on since last January.

Estuar disputed reports the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) is implementing its flood control projects only when the rainy season comes in.

He said these flood control projects are at the Jones Bridge underpass behind the post office, Quezon Boulevard near P. Paterno in front of Life Theatre, Honorio Lopez in Tondo, EDSA corner Ortigas Ave., South Superhighway at the southern part of the Buendia Overpass, Quezon Ave. and other flood-prone areas.

DAET: The Publishers' Association of the Philippines, Inc. (PAPI)-Region 5 held recently a seminar on "The Role of Media in the Critical Decade of the 90s" in Daet, Camarines Norte, with Environment Secretary Fulgencio Factoran as keynote speaker.

Rep. Raul Roco of the 2nd district of Camarines Sur talked on "The Major Political Task of the 90s." Brig. Gen. Raul Imperial, deputy PC-INP chief, "Peace and Order in the 90s," Camarines Sur Gov. Luis R. Villafuerte, "Local Autonomy as Key to Progress," DPWH Undersecretary Jose Mabanta, on "Infrastructure," Rex Lores of the PGOL, "Energy and Power," DOTC Undersecretary Sonny Columna, "The Transportation and Communication Crisis."

SAMPALOC: Three teenagers, suspected to be high on drugs, were killed on the railroad tracks in Sampaloc when they were run over by a Laguna-bound "Metrotrain" of the Philippine National Railways (PNR).

The bodies of Rolando Mandres, 16; Rodolfo Badiola, 18, and Estaquico Salazar, also 18, were found by the men of Capt. Crescencio Cabasal, commander of Station No 4 of the Western Police District (WPD), at 4:30 am.

Police said the three were high on drugs when they decided to lie down on the railroad tracks and sleep there.

Report said the three ignored the horn of the train.

The train operator said he tried to stop the locomotive, but it was too late. Residents of the area told police that the three victims had taken Rugby and other drugs before lying down to sleep on the tracks between Antipolo and Tuzon streets near Station No. 4.

SANGLEY POINT, Cavite City: The Philippine Navy formed a flotilla of four warships which are ready to respond at moments notice to a crisis anywhere in the country.

The battleship group, called "Ready Force," is headed by the patrol brigade PF-7, the Navy's most powerful warship.

Aside from the PF-7, the "Ready Force" is composed of PF-11, a heavy endurance cutter, and PS-70 and P-74, both brigade-type ships.

"Ready Force" was formally launched by the Philippine Fleet under Commodore Dario T. Fajardo at rides held here with Navy chief Rear Admiral Mariano Dumancas Jr., as guest speaker.

In his speech, Admiral Dumancas cited the rationale behind the creation of the Ready Force which, he said, can be effectively used for training and exercises as well as for rapid deployment during contingencies to any part of the country.

He said that the creation of the force is in line with the Navy's modernisation programme. He said that starting this year and up to next year, the Navy will receive five units of the 78-

footer Fast Patrol Crafts which are now under construction in the US and 30 more will be built hopefully in local shipyards.

MANILA: The Department of Foreign Affairs Personnel Association (DFAPA) has protested the body searches on employees of the Office of Consular Affairs and all other persons entering or leaving the passport division.

In a communication sent to Secretary Raul S. Manglapus, the DFAPA stated, "the policy contravenes the basic tenets of human rights enshrined in the Constitution."

According to DFAPA, "the supposed reason behind the policy was open to suspect because it was reportedly instituted as a result of the loss of six passports at the releasing section."

"DFAPA findings showed that the passports were not lost, but rather misplaced, and subsequently recovered," the DFAPA said.

Meanwhile, DFA Assistant Secretary Ed Buenafina, source of the memorandum directing the security guards to conduct the body searches, vowed to continue implementing strict security measures despite the opposition by the DFAPA, saying the body searches are urgently necessary to prevent the resurgence of passport pilferages.

MANILA: The three-day convention of the Pollution Control Association of the Philippines Inc. (PCAPI), which ends today at the Hotel Nikko Manila Garden, honours four leading environmentalists for their contribution to the preservation of the country's ecosystem and 10 corporations with outstanding programmes in pollution control.

PCAPI national president Francisco P. Guanzon announced that the association's first "Ecology for Progress Awards" will be given to environmentalists Maximo Kalaw Jr, lawyer Domingo S. Abadilla, Sister Aida Velasquez and Dean Angelina P. Galang.

Kalaw has steered the Haribon Foundation and Green Foundation in conservation causes; Abadilla, a columnist, has consistently espoused environmental concerns; Velasquez is the moving force behind natural resources conservation and Galang of Miriam College has actively involved in pollution control drives.

PCAPI is also giving recognition to 10 companies with outstanding pollution control programmes. These are Ayala Alabang subdivision, Borden International Philippines, California Manufacturing, Ciba-Geigy Philippines, Kimberly Clark Philippines, Maya Farms, National Steel, Neo-Knit Manufacturing, RFM-Swifts Corp., and SMC Magnolia Plant.

TRENTO, Agusan del Sur: Three personnel of the Paper Industries Corp. of the Philippines (P1-COP) were arrested for illegal possession of high-powered firearms and ammunition, a PC report said.

Lt. Col. Bartolome V. Baluyot, Agusan del Sur PC-INP provincial commander, in a report to Brig. Gen. Triunfo Agustin, PC-INP chief, identified the arrested P1-COP personnel as Gabriel Wenceslao, Mario Sandig and Basilio Hayag. Caught in their possession were one M-14 rifle, two M-16 armalite rifles and hundreds of live ammunition, Baluyot said.

They were apprehended on the national highway in barangay Pulang Lupa here by elements of provincial headquarters and 419th company personally led by Baluyot.

A case for illegal possession of firearms and ammunition and violation of PD 1866 was filed with municipal circuit court of Trento, this province, Baluyot added.

OLONGAPO CITY: The US naval base authorities have already lifted the liberty ban imposed on all servicemen in the city.

The liberty ban, which prohibited the servicemen to get out of the base, was imposed right after the killing a week ago of US Marine Sgt John Sredette. However, US officials imposed an 11pm curfew on all servicemen.

Meanwhile, a "people's rally for peace" was staged by some 5,000 residents to dramatise their support for the retention of the US bases.

The unusual powers of Jinky Datiles

Continued from ... last week.

Then, in 1987, she was killed while on a mission. Her death depressed her mother greatly, and Ms Datiles' health gradually declined until she herself died.

Jinky began seeing Charlotte's spirit and was able to communicate with her. Uncle (her mother's brother), Frank Regis, who had known from the start about Jinky's abilities, talked to her and told her that now she was ready to develop her powers and to use them to help people.

Together, they studied and worked on her skills, and developed as a team. They got to know Master Wing, a divine spirit guide, who acts as their teacher and facilitator.

One day, coming back from a session, she and her Uncle Frank dropped in on his wife, Riza, who is a crystal healer. Riza was holding a crystal-gazing workshop. Aware of Jinky's abilities, she asked her to look into the crystal balls of the participants and tell them what she saw.

Jinky did as requested, and everyone was delighted, because she had described exactly what each of them had seen in their balls in an earlier exercise.

Frank gave her a crystal ball of her own, and she was excited by what she saw in it. The ball not only amplified her visions and made them more vivid — much like those glass ball paperweights that have brightly-coloured panoramas in them — but she also saw the deva, or crystal guide, that dwelt in it.

The crystal deva introduced herself as Crissie, and has since helped them attain more knowledge and help people.

Jinky also learned to use the ball as a transcriber.

When the spirits speak to her, she hears them as if they were at the other end of a long tunnel, or like what had been described as "coming from the grave." Communicating with them was easily tired her, because she had to concentrate so much.

In the ball, she sees the messages written out, and all she has to do is copy them, or

write them down automatically.

What language do the spirits use? For Jinky to be able to understand them, they use any of the languages and dialects she can speak. But even if they use another language, she can still copy the message out for the client to decipher himself.

Jinky is quite happy with what she's doing now. She has just graduated from Miriam College with a degree in psychology, and she can use both her ESP and what she has learned in school to help people.

She points out one difference between her and card-readers.

When she has a vision of something dire or bad (usually preceded by a flashing red light), she can cut it off, or cut off its energy, by closing her eyes, or re-focusing them at a shorter distance. She then tells the client about the vision — and advises him/her on how to avoid or prevent it.

An ordinary card reader, on the other hand, only interprets what is seen in the cards, and tells the client that this or that will happen to him/her. Thus, the client anticipates the bad event, thereby helping it to actualize or happen.

This writer put the qualifying "ordinary" before the general term of "card reader," because not all readers adopt this style. A handful of them specifically one, Rose Virginia, who has been featured in an earlier issue of this magazine, also gives advice to her clients on how to prevent or avoid bad events. According to some experts, the mere circumstance of knowing how to prevent a bad thing from happening is in itself a first step towards deleting or negating that event.

Jinky and her uncle have been featured not only in this magazine and other publications, but also on radio and television programmes.

They caused quite a stir on the Hall-oned edition of Channel 2's Magandang Gabi, Bayan when Jinky was able to let a spirit materialize to a certain degree and allow itself to be photographed or video-

taped while sitting on the bottom stair in the house of the late child actress Julie Vega.

On the morning show, Magandang Umaga Po, she saw a spirit sitting among the other spectators in the bleachers, and was also able to ask her to materialize enough to be seen onscreen. The spirit turned out to be that of an actress in the 1950s who lingered in the studio because she enjoyed showbiz so much.

What has Jinky learned from all of these psychic experiences?

On a personal level, she has learned to be more hopeful. She used to be easily frustrated, but now she has a brighter view of things.

What she calls her biggest learning, though, is her own confirmation of what is said in the Holy Bible: "God created man to seek the seen and the unseen world."

"These unseen really do exist, and we just have to accept and appreciate their existence as well as our existence," she stresses. "There are other dimensions than the one here. Different dimensions — but only one Power... the One."

I have written this article as a counterpoint to a previous story of mine about another psychic child, whom I called "Alexis."

Jinky's story shows that psychism is really a rare and precious gift that can be used — must be used — for the good.

Apart from her sessions with clients and other people who seek her help, Jinky leads a very normal and happy life. Her love life certainly hasn't suffered. Eric is still very much around.

He confesses, though, that once he himself was endangered by Jinky's work.

Jinky and her uncle had just succeeded in driving out some black dwarfs from an apartment and had prevented them from reentering the apartment by shielding it. Angered, the black forces tried to get back at Jinky or her uncle. But since both of them were also shielded, they couldn't touch them.

Then they saw Eric and noted that he was close to Jinky. That night, Eric woke up suddenly. He felt as if there was someone sitting or riding on his chest. It was heavy and the mattress sagged under the weight.

Quickly, he reached for his rosary beads, which he usually placed on his took hold of the rosary, the weight lifted off him, and he was able to get back to sleep.

When he told Jinky about what had happened to him, she and her uncle immediately took steps to shield him, too. Nothing untoward has happened to him since.

Well, at least, Eric can't say that he and Jinky have a boring relationship! Eric, by the way, is a former seminarian. That was how he acquired the habit of having his rosary beads close to him all the time.

I mention this in relation to a point I feel I must raise. I am often asked, whenever I speak about healers and my psychic friends, whether these people are Catholics or Christians. I am even asked if I still go to Church myself, if I have not renounced my Catholic faith.

Through the years, I have joined the cursillo, attended charismatic seminars, and met many people who consider themselves spiritual. But I can honestly say that those I know to be deeply spiritual and who have a strong faith in God tend to be psychics, mystics and healers. Perhaps, because of their special abilities which make them see or experience more things than we do, they have come to a greater understanding of their spirituality, and a more comprehensive appreciation of God's power and love.

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Goodwill Games try to avoid big loss

SEATTLE, July 14, (AP) Jackie Joyner-Kersey tries to break the world heptathlon record, Javier Sotomayor tries to break the 8-foot high-jump barrier again, and the Goodwill Games try to break even.

Against the backdrop of sweeping political change in Eastern Europe and a less curious sports world, the question has become: Can the Goodwill Games survive past 1990?

"It's an interesting question," Pete Cava of the Athletics Congress said. "The answer? It's hard to say."

With the 17-day Games scheduled to begin Friday, July 21, organizers need to sell more tickets quickly to avoid losing money. The US Cable Television network that's covering the Games—TBS, owned by Goodwill Games innovator Ted Turner—expects to lose as much as \$13 million.

"We've had a lot of hurdles, and a lot of skepticism, and a lot of mountains to overcome," Seattle organizing committee president Bob Walsh said.

Advance

Despite world-class fields that include athletes from the Soviet Union and Cuba as well as the United States, events such as men's basketball and boxing were not sold out in advance.

As of midweek, only slightly more than 700,000 of 1.1 million tickets were sold. That represented about \$11 million in sales. Organizers say they need to sell \$17 million to break even on the \$65 million Games.

The Goodwill Games were born after two straight boycotted Olympics in 1980 in Moscow and 1984 in Los Angeles. Not since 1976 in Montreal had East met West in an all-out sports extravaganza... until 1988 in Seoul, that is. So much for curiosity.

This year, the Goodwill Games follow the World Cup, which pre-occupied most of Europe all summer. Next time around, in 1994, they'll follow the Winter Games in the first biennial of the staggered Olympics. So much for building drama.

And now, as Eastern Europe is transformed and the Soviet military threat dwindles, the East bloc countries don't even make good bad guys. Former US president Ronald Reagan will speak at the Goodwill Games' opening ceremonies Friday night at Husky Stadium, but he won't be able to call the Soviet Union the "evil empire" anymore.

So what's the sense? Why do we need the Goodwill Games? "It won't decide the best in the world," Cava said. "But it's going to give the best in the world a chance to compete."

Participate

More than 2,500 athletes from more than 50 countries will participate in 21 Goodwill Games sports. The schedule includes a mix of winter and summer sports such as figure skating, ice hockey, gymnastics, swimming and diving, baseball and basketball.

The strongest competition of the meet probably will come in track and field, which occupies the first week of the schedule.

Joyner-Kersey, a double gold medalist at Seoul, has set her sights on breaking the 7,300-point barrier in the seven-event heptathlon. Her own world record is 7,291 points, and her Goodwill Games mark is 7,148. "I think it's reachable, but the key is going to be the high jump and the javelin," she said as she made her final tuneup for Seattle at the Olympic Festival in Minneapolis. "It's just a matter of continuing to keep the focus."

Sotomayor, part of a strong Cuban team, is the only high jumper ever to go over 8 feet, breaking the world record in Puerto Rico on July 29. He'll be accompanied on the Cuban team by middle distance runner Ana Quiroz, track and field's Female Athlete of the Year in 1989.

Contingent

Leading a powerful Eastern bloc contingent will be women's world record-holder Paula Ivan of Romania in the mile, pole vaulter Sergei Bubka of the Soviet Union and discuss thrower Juergen Schulz of East Germany.

Three world record-holders in swimming, all Americans, also are entered: Tom Jager, David Wharton and Janet Evans.

An all-American confrontation also shapes up in the 100-metre dash between Carl Lewis and Leroy Burrell, neither of whom has been beaten in 1990.

"I'd say next to the Olympics, it's the best field that's ever been assembled in multi-sport competition," Goodwill Games vice-president Jim Sheldon said.

Douglas expects to win lawsuit

Norris retains WBC title

ANNECY, France, July 14, (Agencies) American Terry Norris retained his WBC light-middleweight crown last night with a unanimous 12-round decision over Frenchman Rene Jacquot.

Norris sent Jacquot to the carpet twice in the first two rounds, and dominated the combat with superior quickness and power.

The 23-year-old Lubbock, Texas, native who became champion March 31 with a first-round knockout of Ugandan John Mugabi improved his record to 26 wins against three defeats. It was his first title defense since he beat Mugabi in Tampa, Florida.

The judges at the Anancy Sports Arena decided in favour of Norris, 117-109, 120-107 and

119-108. Jacquot, 28, was trying to regain a title he lost a year ago to Mugabi when he fell and twisted his ankle in the first round at Miropolis, near Paris.

The native of Toul, France, had been seeking a revenge match against Mugabi, but instead found himself against a new champion.

He rebounded after his two early knockdowns to fight several rounds even with Norris, but never seriously threatened the American. In the 12th round, he went down on one knee to recuperate several seconds.

"I went up against a really great boxer," Jacquot said. "I think if I hadn't started training with my new coach (American

Halton Merkerson) I would have been knocked out in the first round."

Jacquot suffered his 11th professional defeat. He has 28 victories and one draw.

Heavyweight champion James "Buster" Douglas considers his breach-of-contract battle with promoter Don King "a clean cut-and-dried case" because King admits he wanted Mike Tyson to win their bout last February.

"It was obvious he wasn't neutral," Douglas said during lunch recess yesterday at US District Court. "He didn't want me to get up."

That corresponded with King's testimony earlier in the trial, when the promoter admitted

under cross-examination that he didn't want Douglas to get up from his "long-count" knockdown in the eighth round of his fight against Mike Tyson.

Douglas won the title on a 10th-round knockout Feb 11 at Tokyo.

Douglas, his manager John Johnson and the Mirage Hotel and Casino at Las Vegas are suing King for breach of their promotional contract, contending the promoter tried to overturn the result of Douglas' upset victory.

That suit in federal court in Nevada, however, has been stayed pending the outcome of the New York trial, in which King is suing Johnson and Douglas for breach of contract for signing a two-fight agreement with the Mirage.

King, who maintains he was trying to force a Douglas-Tyson rematch by stirring controversy, is suing the Mirage for interference.

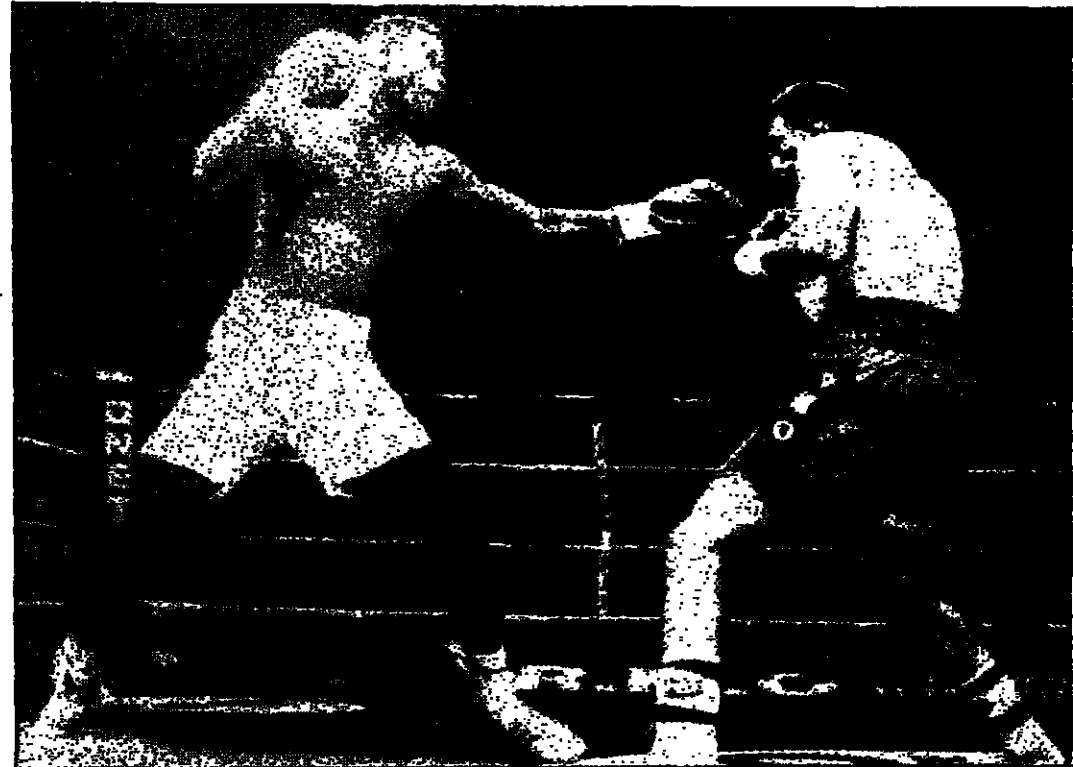
Presentation of his case was completed yesterday morning. The defense opened its case with testimony by Stephen Enz, attorney for Douglas and Johnson. Douglas then testified for about 40 minutes before the trial was adjourned for the weekend.

Of his father, Billy Jr., a former fighter, who once managed and trained Douglas, Douglas said, "It's a father-son relationship. I see him from time-to-time. We're not close."

Wallace Chandler of Columbus, Ohio, testified for King, describing himself as a friend of Douglas.

Chandler testified that he heard Douglas say he had no problems with King and "that Don King is the greatest person he's ever known in boxing."

Douglas denied both comments, saying of Chandler, "I've seen his face. I know his brother. I don't know him personally."



Terry Norris (left) aims a right at Rene Jacquot (right) during a first round knockdown. (Reuter wirephoto)

US intercepts Soviet planes

SEATTLE, July 14, (AP) The air force intercepted three Soviet planes headed for the Goodwill Games because the passenger jet and two military escorts entered US airspace, a day earlier than expected.

Two air force F-15 fighter planes escorted the Ilyushin-62 passenger plane and two SU-27 military jet fighters to Seattle, where they landed Thursday night.

The three planes left the Soviet Union yesterday, but lost a day when they headed east over the International Date Line and ended up in US airspace on Thursday, the day before they were permitted to land.

US fighter planes intercepted them about 100 miles (160 kilometres) northwest of Nome, Alaska, and escorted them to Elmendorf Air Force Base near Anchorage.

The planes stayed at Elmendorf until late Thursday, when the Defense Department granted permission for the flight to continue.

The passengers are to participate in the Games' welcoming ceremony July 21. They include Konstantin Vasilchenko, director of Gromov Flight Research Institute, which trains Soviet cosmonauts. Soviet cosmonaut Igor Volk piloted the flyshin.

The passenger plane also carried art headed for a special exhibit of Soviet sculpture and paintings.



The Far East Restaurant team (from left): Grace, Eva, Jo, Marilynne, Cecill and Vangie

Verplank moves ahead

Rinker one shot off pace

STUTTON, Massachusetts, July 14, (AP) Scott Verplank produced a second subpar round yesterday for a one-stroke lead over Larry Rinker at the halfway mark of the \$900,000 Bank of Boston Classic.

Verplank, a former US amateur and NCAA champion, had a 4-under-par 67 in a downpour Thursday. Yesterday he added a bogey-free 68 in perfect weather for a 135 total, seven strokes under regulation at Pleasant Valley Country Club.

A diabetic who changed medications and his lifestyle after hospital tests last March, Verplank, 26, took the lead after starting the second round two strokes back.

Rinker, winless in 10 years on the PGA Tour, shot a 65 over the 7,110-yard layout for a 36-hole score of 136.

Slipped

As the skies cleared and the sun returned, scores improved on the second day of the 72-hole tournament. Yet Mike Smith, the first-round leader with a 65, slipped to 72. That left Smith at 137 with Brian Watts, Steve Pate, John Mahaffey, Bill Glasson and a D.A. Weir.

Watts continued to surprise while playing with a sponsor's exemption, adding a 68 to his opening 69. Pate rebounded from a first-round 72 with a 65. Mahaffey, the 1978 Pleasant Valley champion, had a 68 yesterday, Weir a 69 and Glasson a 70.

There were traffic jams at 138 and 139, while two-time US Open champion Curtis Strange was in a



Verplank hit another subpar round

bunch at 140 after improving from a 72 in the rain to 68 in the sunshine.

Mark Calcavecchia, the 1988 winner who is preparing for the defense of his British Open title next week, also improved with a 69 for a 141 score.

Defending champion Blaine McCallister slipped to 73 for 143.



The Shell Super Plus squad (from left): Bebot, Vangie, Baby, Babes and Vicky

Eva takes Far East to 3-1 win over Chiquita

By Sonny Mariano

FAR EAST RESTAURANT: The defending champions, in the women's division of the on going PBAK All Filipino Summer League turned the tables on their previous tormentors, the Chiquita Banana Lovers, to emerge 3-1 winners in their match on Friday at the Holiday Inn bowling lanes.

With Eva Sabay showing her true bowling form, which brought her countless bowling crowns, Far East easily subdued Chiquita in the first two games but Chiquita through Nitz Alina's heroics broke Far East's domination of the lanes as the Banana Lovers took the third and final game.

Other leading scorers for Far East were Marilynne, Vangie, Grace, Cecill and Cora while for Chiquita, Lynne, Chit, Mercy, Young and Cecille were other top bowlers. In the other women's division match

played on Friday, Kay and Associates continued to be dominant team in their division after defeating the Shell Super Plus Energy Masters. The foursome of Amy, Arleen, Ledy and Grace was more than enough to secure their all important victory which also increased their advantage over the rest of the field. Responsible for Shell's lone point were Babes, Vicky, Baby, Bebot and Eliza.

In the men's division matches on Friday, Jade International continued to surprise their much vaunted opponents as they held the Chiquita Banana Magnates to a 2-2 draw. Top Traders for Jade were Egay, Ding, Madz, Demi, Rolly and Danny. For Chiquita Pete, Lando, Rico, Art and Jun did well.

Just as Jade were celebrating their feat Hatid Ligaya, who played on the other two lanes, had a much bigger reason to celebrate when they won their match

against Kay and Associates with a 3-1 decision. With this victory, the defending champions in the men's division moved up to third place in the standings and bolstered the chance of entering the finals. Vic Serrundo undoubtedly one of the most improved bowlers this year led the Cargo Forwarders to their impressive showing with support coming from Jun, Mar, Carl and Rudy. For Kay, Willie, E. Burt and Ryan were the top associates.

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Finally in the only other game of last week's scheduled games, Cafe Maharlika bounced back into contention after stopping FRM Design 3 games to 1. George, Roger, Mel, Tony and Ric were the top scorers for Maharlika while for FRM Design JVC, Caloy, Flor, Klin and Beda were the leading designers.

Team standings after last week's games are as follows:

Men's division: Idle Magnolia who drew a vic remained on top of the field with 15 points followed by Al Rashed (14), Hatid Ligaya (10), FRM design (9), Chiquita (9), Cafe Maharlika (7), West Africa (7), Jade (5), Kay and Associates (4).

Women's division: Kay and Associates continued to be the front runner with 12 points while Far East and Chiquita sharing the 2nd and 3rd positions while Shell remained in fourth spot.

Andretti wins provisional pole position

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey, July 14, (AP) Michael Andretti wound up yesterday's qualifying session with the provisional pole for tomorrow's Marlboro Grand Prix in hand and his engine in pieces.

The second-generation indy star came out on top of the opening round of time trials at New Jersey's Meadowlands despite the failure of the Chevrolet engine in his Lola race car and another strong effort by Rick Mears.

"I was pretty lucky not to get bumped off (the pole) there at the end after my engine blew up," Andretti said. "There was no warning at all. It just let go."

Andretti's fast lap of 184.071 kph (114.401 mph) was well below Emerson Fittipaldi's record track qualifying mark of 185.905 kph (115.541 mph) set last year on the 2.01-kilometre (1.25 mile) modified oval winding around the Meadowlands' Byrne Arnea.

"The track was getting better and better as the session went on," Andretti said, adding that he expected all times to be quicker in the final round of qualifying today.

Mears, hoping to win his fourth pole of the season, was yesterday's runner-up at 183.057 kph (113.771 mph) in a Penske 90 Chevrolet. His fast lap came late in the 30-minute session.

Mario Andretti, Michael's father and teammate and a three-time pole winner here, was third at 182.172 kph (113.221 mph), followed by defending race champion Bobby Rahal at 182.158 kph (113.212 mph) and Fittipaldi, trying for his third straight Meadowlands pole, at 180.245 kph (112.023 mph).

Al Nuzha Garage sweep the board

AL NUZHA GARAGE scored a sweep against JM International (4-0) to stay in second position after the fourth round match of the ongoing Inter-Commercial Team Chess Tournament, organised by the Filipino Chess Club in Kuwait (Fikchek) at the Kabayan Restaurant on Friday.

Group A Blitz king Iny Vendola of Al Nuzha Garage continued to dominate the race for Board 1 honours with another win this time over Ariel Martinez of JM International in 42 moves of a Sicilian defense. Martinez blundered on his bishop move on the 25th which Vendola quickly exploited with an exchange of rook against the bishop and a pawn.

Danny Calasin finally came out of a slump by defeating Wahab Alamada in 51 moves of a Ruy Lopez opening while rookie Felix Sillo outmaneuvered another newcomer Alex Dampil in 47 moves of a Sicilian defense. Diony Bartolome won by default on Board 4 to complete the Carmakers' sweep of the International Masters.

Champion

Defending champion Kabayan Restaurant scored an almost sweeping victory against Kirby Building Systems (3.5 - 0.5) if not for Jun Aranas who drew with Ely Nacional on Board 4 in 64 moves of a French defense. Rated A Champion Niel Dumlaog continued to be in a slump with three straight losses in three games this time against Kabayan's Jun Pacana on Board 1. Dumlaog made a serious miscalculation on his 12th move of a Sicilian defense when he tried to save his rook which Pacana wisely capitalized. A post-game analysis revealed that a rook sacrifice would have won Dumlaog the game. He resigned 9 moves later after an inevitable mate in two situation.

The Builder's stand-out Edwin Borigas suffered his first loss in the hands of Sammy Aurellano in 37 moves of another Sicilian defense. Edwin made a bad Bishop move on the 31st which gave Sammy the initiative and eventually the game. Group B Blitz king Gil Opia Jr won by default on Board 3 to stay undefeated with 4 straight wins.

Thony Monreal and Jigs Acodisen of Far East Bank City International Exchange defeated their respective rivals Jess Betguen and Mel Espinosa of Hatid Ligaya Door to Door Forwarders to keep the Bankers hopes alive to win the title. Monreal made a brilliant rook sacrifice on the 17th and again on the 30th move which forced Betguen to resign 3 moves after.

Espinosa, on the attack, made a blunder on his 13th move which forced him to give up a bishop to escape checkmate in two. Acodisen went on to take the initiative and the game 39 moves after. Forwarder's Nilo Magtangoh on Board 4 outwitted Fred Marasigan in 42 moves of a queen's pawn opening. Marasigan made a dubious knight sacrifice on the 28th move to take the initiative but Magtangoh wisely counter-attacked and won 14 moves after. Last year's Board 3 gold medalist Rading Moje drew with Banker's Rey Mangornong in 54 moves of a Modern Benoni defense.

Fifth round schedule: Friday, July 15, 9 am: Kabayan Restaurant (White vs Black); Al Nuzha vs Far East Bank; Kirby vs JM Int'l; Al Rashed vs Kabayan; Hatid Ligaya - Bye.

Standings after Round 4					
Teams	Played	Win	Draw	Loss	Total
1. Kabayan	16	12	1	3	12.05
2. Al Nuzha	16	11	0	5	11.0
3. Hatid Ligaya	16	7	1	8	7.5
4. Al Rashed	12	7	0	5	7.0
5. Far East Bank	12	6	1	5	6.5
6. Kirby	12	2	1	9	2.5
7. JM Int	12	1	0	11	1.0

Scrabble tournament
In a separate development, club president Edward Racaza announced that due to insistent popular demand the all-female Scrabble Tournament scheduled to start on Friday, July 20, 1990 is now open to all Filipinos in Kuwait, regardless of sex. The following have so far confirmed their participation in the tournament:

1. Teresita Reyes; 2. Alma Bautista; 3. Lory Jover; 4. Rory Aurellano; 5. Myrna Caliboso; 6. Tina Oliveros; 7. Sosima Tortosa; 8. Delia Degala; 9. Lourdes Vidal; 10. Maria Susana Habos; 11. Bernice Balacano; 12. Cherry Andong; 13. Lani Salgado; 14. Edwin Borigas; 15. Adrian Sales; 16. Sonny Solidum; 17. Silver Salgado; 18. Lito Mercado; 19. Blanca Sambajon; 20. Diony Bartolome; 21. Belen Banayan.

Time regulations will be monitored with the use of chess clocks with each player allotted 15 minutes per game. Any words found in either the Webster and Collins English Dictionary will be permitted except for proper names or words usually commencing in capital letter, abbreviations and those requiring apostrophes and hyphens. In general, the tournament will be governed by the standard rules for playing Scrabble except otherwise stated. Each game will be supervised by an arbiter who will be in-charge of keeping the scores and deciding on the protest.

All participants are requested to come on Thursday, July 19, at 6:00 pm at Kabayan Restaurant for a meeting to discuss the rules and for drawing of lots to establish the pairings. The first round matches will be played on Friday, July 20 at 1:00 pm after a simple opening ceremony. Defaulting time is 15 minutes from official starting time. Expected to attend the ceremony are the officials of the Philippine embassy, sponsors and prominent leaders of the Filipino organisations in Kuwait.

Registration is still open till Thursday, July 19, 1990. For more details please contact 2402405 Liza or Edward.

St Louis trade players

ST LOUIS, Missouri, July 14, (AP) The St Louis Blues traded centre Peter Zeehl and defenseman Mike Lalor to the Washington Capitals for left wing Geoff Courtnall yesterday, only hours after acquiring free-agent defenseman Scott Stevens from the Capitals.

The Stevens signing was worth more than \$4 million over the

next four years and it left the Capitals shy of backline personnel. Capitals general manager David Poile was eager to fill that void, and it cost him the high-scoring Courtnall.

Courtnall, 27, had 35 goals and 39 assists last season for 74 points, leading the team in plus-minus rating with a plus-27.

Edberg opts out of tourney

Capriati edges Martin

CONWAY, New Hampshire, July 14. (AP) Jennifer Capriati was the star, but Ros Fairbank and Shawn Foltz stole the show during the quarterfinals of the Mount Cranmore international women's tennis tournament yesterday.

Capriati, seeded first, struggled before advancing to today's semifinals, beating Stacy Martin 6-4, 7-5. She will play fifth-seed Susan Sloan, who defeated fourth-seed Fairbank, the tournament's third-seed, outlasted the little-

known Foltz in three hours, 6-1, 3-6, 7-5. The third-set highlight was the seventh game, which included 14 deuces and lasted 20 minutes. It featured a heated argument between Fairbank and umpire Bill Thompson and glares between Fairbank and Foltz.

Foltz finally prevailed to go up 4-3.

Although most of the crowd came to see Capriati, the 14-year-old sensation from Tampa, Florida, many ended up watching the Foltz-Fairbank battle, which was going

on at the same time as Capriati's match.

Most of the fans were pulling for Foltz, an animated 22-year-old from Tampa, who has battled a recurring wrist injury for several years.

Foltz was up 5-4 and had match point, but hit an easy overhead smash into the net. Fairbank won the game, held her serve, then broke Foltz to win the match.

"It was grueling," said the 25th-ranked Fairbank, who will face second-seed Laura Gildemeister in the semifinals. Gildemeister advanced 3-6, 6-3, 6-3 over Kathy Rinaldi.

In Tokyo, Wimbledon champion Stefan Edberg of Sweden was forced to withdraw from a \$250,000 invitation indoor tennis tournament after bruising his left knee during a semifinal match today.

Edberg slipped on the court in the first game of the second set against Jaime Yzaga of Peru.

Edberg, who won the first set 6-2, said afterwards he wanted to rest before competing in a tournament in Los Angeles scheduled for July 30.

Yzaga will now meet Pete Sampras of the United States in the final tomorrow. Sampras had a tough time in his 6-4, 6-3 victory over Jakob Hasek of Switzerland.

In the women's section, Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina and Ann Grossman of the United States will meet in the final tomorrow.

Both the women finalists found their opponents difficult to overcome. Sabatini was stretched to the limit by Japan's Kimiko Date before she won 6-2, 4-6, 6-2. Things seemed to be going smoothly for Sabatini until the start of the second set when Date moved her game up a gear.

Grossman won in straight sets but needed all her experience to overcome Rachel McQuillan of Australia 6-4, 7-6 (8-6).

In Gstaad, Switzerland, Spanish teenager Sergi Bruguera upset eight-seeded Swiss Marc Rosset 6-3, 7-5 today to reach the final of the \$300,000 Swiss Open tennis championships.

In tomorrow's final, Bruguera will face the highest surviving seed, No. 3 Martin of Argentina. Jaime made short shift of Haitian Ronald Agener in the other semi, winning 7-5, 6-1 to boost his career victories over Agener to four, against one loss.

And in Newport, Rhode Island, top seed Tim Mayotte was upset yesterday in the second round of the \$150,000 Hall of Fame championships, when 120th ranked Robbie Weiss eliminated him 3-6, 6-3, 7-6 (7-3).

Weiss, of Wheeling, Ill., then lost in the quarterfinals to Pieter Aldrich of Palm Desert, Calif., 6-4, 6-1, in his lone American stop on grass on the men's professional tour.



Edberg grimaces in pain after bruising his knee. (Reuter wirephoto)

Cup final referee has no regrets

MEXICO CITY, July 14. (Reuter) Edgardo Codas, the Uruguayan-born referee who ordered the controversial penalty that gave West Germany a 1-0 victory over Argentina in the World Cup soccer final, has no regrets about the decision.

Codas was vilified in Argentina, called a traitor throughout much of Latin America, and formally criticised by the government of Bangladesh. But he remains unrepentant.

"The championship was decided with a penalty kick and everyone is going to be in disagreement about that, especially the Argentines," Codas told Reuters in an interview.

"The important thing is that the referee decided what to do freely, without any kind of pressure, and with a clear conscience," he said.

He acknowledged that "soccer is always polemical and always leads itself to controversy," and agreed the penalty award in the 85th minute of the World Cup final was sure to be argued about for years.

But Codas said he never had the slightest doubt that West German striker Rudi Voller was deliberately fouled by Argentina's Roberto Sensi and that West Germany deserved the kick which won the match.

Not so, say the Argentinians, who also had two men sent off.

Codas denied any favoritism. He said that if he had been a more spectator "the sentimental favorite for me on the day of the final was Argentina."

"But that's for the man. For the referee there can be no favorites," he said. "I fell to me to make the penalty decision that led to (Argentina's) loss of the World Cup."

Codas, 39, has been living in Mexico since 1980 and became a citizen of the country a year later.

LeMond, Breukink move closer to top



Chozas (left) wins the 13th stage ahead of Breukink. (Reuter wirephoto)

ST ETIENNE, France, July 14. (AP) Eric Breukink and Greg LeMond moved into second and third place and cut overall Tour de France leader Claudio Chiappucci's advantage by nearly five minutes today, finishing in the lead pack in the 13th stage and drawing within 2-1/2 minutes.

The 149-kilometre (92.5-mile) 13th stage from Villard de Lans to St Etienne was contested on a hot day in central France following a rest day yesterday.

LeMond of the United States and Breukink of the Netherlands led a group of five that broke away from the pack in the final climb as Chiappucci lagged behind. Eduardo Chozas of Spain won the final sprint, just ahead of Breukink, Andy Hampsten, Roberto Conti and LeMond while Chiappucci trailed by 4.53.

That sliced Chiappucci's leading margin to 2.02 over Breukink and 2.34 over LeMond as Ronan Pensec, who was second entering the day 1.17 behind, dropped to fourth by falling another seven minutes back.

Pedro Delgado moved into fifth, more than 4-1/2 minutes behind as he finished 30 seconds behind the lead group.

Tottenham deny rumours

LONDON, July 14. (UPI) Chairman Irving Scholar of English First Division soccer club Tottenham Hotspur yesterday denied rumours that the club had received a \$5.5 million (\$9.9 million) bid from Torino of Italy for 30-year-old striker Gary Lineker.

Italian sports papers reported that Torino general manager Maurizio Casasco would be arriving in London today for talks about signing the England World Cup star.

Scholar said: "No meeting has been arranged and no-one is planned for any time in the future."

"It is totally untrue. We have no plans to sell Gary Lineker or Paul Gascoigne."

Mansell wins pole position for British Grand Prix

SILVERSTONE, England, July 14. (AP) Briton Nigel Mansell yesterday won his second straight pole position, driving his Ferrari at 255.506 kph (158.669 mph) to take the No. 1 starting spot at the British Grand Prix by more than half a second.

Mansell, who has won his nation's Formula One race twice, completed a lap on the 2.97-mile (4.78-kilometre) Silverstone circuit in one minute, 7.428 seconds.

It moved Mansell from third in yesterday's qualifying session, when he completed the course in 1.08.334 for an average speed of 251.812 kph (156.464 mph).

When I came across the finish line it was a good thing I had the seat belt on, because I almost jumped out of the car I was so excited," Mansell said, calling it one of the best laps of his 11-year career.

The 3-year-old Mansell, who also started from the pole in last week's French Grand Prix but was forced out of the race with mechanical trouble, is seeking to become the first Ferrari driver to win the British Grand Prix since 1978.

Ayrton Senna, who had the fastest time of 1.08.071 for an average speed of 262.656 kph (163.985 mph) yesterday, could not improve on his mark today and will start second on the grid in tomorrow's race.

Senna's McLaren-Honda

Gelfand wins in Manila

MANILA, July 14. (Reuter) Soviet grandmaster Boris Gelfand beat fellow Soviet Jasn Ehlvest on a tie-break today in the 13th and final round to win the Manila World Interzonal Chess Championship.

The top 11 players in the 64-entrant, Swiss-style tournament qualify for the 1991 candidates round matches which will choose the challenger to fight current champion Garry Kasparov of the Soviet Union in the 1993 world championship.

The qualifiers included India's Viswanathan Anand, who drew his final game with Soviet Vassily Ivanchuk in 17 moves, and Britain's Nigel Short, who beat the white-playing Soviet Mikhail Gurevich in 42 moves.

Gelfand, 22, and Ivanchuk finished in a dead heat for first place with nine points each but Gelfand clinched the Manila championship on a tie-break based on results of earlier games.

Gelfand wound up with an unbeaten record of five wins and eight draws while Ivanchuk had six wins, six draws and one loss.

Gelfand, playing white, won in 59 moves of queen's Indian, threatening to mate Ehlvest's king after the white rooks chased it down the board.

"It was a normal game," Gelfand said casually after the game, adding he had been optimistic he would defeat Ehlvest.

Anand and Short each finished with 8.5 points.

When asked if he had any expectations about the candidates matches, Anand answered: "Absolutely none."

"I didn't think I would qualify until the 12th round," the 21-year-old economic student from Madras added, referring to his upset win over Gurevich on Thursday.

Competition was continuing late last night to determine the last seven qualifiers.

Closing ceremonies for the 16-day tournament were scheduled for tomorrow.

Baseball games

NEW YORK, July 14. (Reuter) Results of Major League baseball games played yesterday.

American League	
(1) Baltimore	8 Minnesota 5
(2) Minnesota	3 Baltimore 1
Chicago W.S.	3 N.Y. Yankees 3
Kansas City	5 Boston 3
Texas	7 Detroit 6
California	2 Toronto 0
Milwaukee	2 Oakland 0
Cleveland	13 Seattle 7
National League	
Los Angeles	5 Chicago Cubs 2
Cincinnati	4 N.Y. Mets 2
Pittsburgh	4 San Diego 1
Montreal at Atlanta, P.P.D., rain	
Philadelphia	4 Houston 2
San Francisco	6 St. Louis 1

American player

WARSAW, July 14. (UPI) An American will play for Polish First Division soccer newcomer Hutnik from the southern city of Krakow, the PAP news agency said.

German soccer

FRANKFURT, West Germany, July 14. (AP) West German soccer officials yesterday suggested merging the leagues of the two German states in 1991, a year earlier than previously agreed, and proposed a united team for the 1992 European Championships and Olympics.

Suspension upheld
GENEVA, July 14. (AP) A Uefa appeals board yesterday upheld a one-year suspension for Patrick Schooten and a 50,000-Swiss franc (\$37,500) fine against his club, FC Antwerp, for a positive test for amphetamines following a Uefa Cup quarterfinal match in March.

Australia beat New Zealand

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, July 14. (AP) New Zealand provincial champions Auckland handed Australia its second consecutive loss on a 12-match rugby union tour today with a 16-10 decision at Eden Park. The win was Auckland's 59th in 60 matches going back to 1987, and the team has won the New Zealand and South Pacific championships each year since then.

Malaysian Open

KUALA LUMPUR, July 14. (UPI) Foo Kok Keong and Rashid Sidek yesterday snuffed out the Indonesian challenge to make the men's Rothmans Malaysian Open singles final into a rare all-Malaysian affair. Kok powered past a subdued Allan Budi Kusuma 15-8, 15-6, combining both defensive and sharp attacking style to lethal effect. Rashid also won in straight games against Ardy Wiranata, 15-8, 15-10, and will meet Kok for the third time this year in an international final.

Bean withdraws

ST ANDREWS, Scotland, July 14. (AP) American Andy Bean, who was due to play his qualifier at St Andrews this weekend, today withdrew from next week's British Open golf championship with a back injury. Bean was runner-up behind Tom Watson in the 1983 Open and placed second in last year's US PGA Championship.

World volleyball

TOKYO, July 14. (UPI) Italy edged the Soviet Union 15-12, 16-17, 15-11, 14-16, 15-9 in Osaka today and Holland outplayed Brazil 15-7, 15-7, 15-10 to reach the World Volleyball League final.

US Open

DULUTH, Georgia, July 14. (AP) Overnight rain spoiled the US Golf Association's plan to complete the second round and play the third round today in the 45th US Women's Open golf tournament.

Players honoured

NEWPORT, Rhode Island, July 14. (AP) Joseph F. Culman III, a leading organizer of women's professional tennis events and Jan Kodas, one of the leading men's singles players of the early 1970s, were inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame today.

Drug tests

LONDON, July 14. (AP) The International Tennis Federation yesterday approved a comprehensive drug-testing programme that includes random testing and a lifetime ban for a third offence. The ITF said the regulations would apply to all events under ITF jurisdiction, including men's and women's World Team Championships, Davis Cup and Federation Cup.

Pole disqualified

WARSAW, July 14. (UPI) A Polish First Division soccer player and captain of the Slask Wroclaw has been disqualified for one year for knocking a referee to the ground, newspapers reported. Wladyslaw Tesiorowski, dissatisfied with a referee's decision pushed him so that he fell suffering injury. The referee was given seven-day sick leave.

Minor Counties hold India

TROWBRIDGE, England, July 14. (Reuter) Gary Brown, a 35-year-old Durham opening batsman, was denied a century in both innings for the Minor Counties against India yesterday.

Brown finished the shortened third day on 89 not out as the Minors, 219 runs behind on first innings, reached 243 for two in their second. The match predictably petered out to a draw.

The Minors lost Malcolm Roberts for one, caught low down at third slip by Moham-

med Azharuddin off Sanjeev Sharma, but Brown who made 103 in the first innings, and Devon left-handed Nick Folland added 157 for the second wicket.

The elegant Folland was eventually bowled for 82, attempting to sweep the quicker ball of slow left-arm Venkateswari Raju.

Durham's Paul Burn, dismissed without scoring in the first innings, cracked an unbeaten 47 off 65 deliveries.

Scoreboard

MINOR COUNTIES first innings 293 for nine declared (G. Brown 103, M.

Roberts 85, A. Kumble six for 49). INDIA first innings 512 for six declared (R. Shastri 105, M. Azharuddin 105, S. Tendulkar 65, W. Raman 55).

MINOR COUNTIES second innings G. Brown not out 89 M. Roberts c Azharuddin b Sharma 1 N. Folland c Raju 82 P. Burn not out 47 Extras (b-20, lb-2, nb-2) 24 Total (for two wickets) 243 Fall of wickets: 1-6, 2-163.

Bowling: Kapil Dev 16-9-20-0, Sharma 15-4-47-1, Wasson 9-0-42-0, Kumble 16-4-54-0, Raju 18-4-58-1. Result: Match drawn.

Cypriot club wants Milla

NICOSIA, July 14. (Reuter) A Cypriot First Division soccer club said today it hoped to sign Roger Milla, the 38-year-old hero of Cameroon's World Cup team, and added he would visit the island within 10 days for negotiations.

Paphos-based Apollon said in a statement that club president Chris Liveras had invited "the best known and loved footballer in the world at the present time," to Cyprus.

Milla, who came out of semi-retirement for the World Cup in Italy and scored four goals in the tournament, has said he was interested in joining an Italian club next season.

Asia seeks one more slot in '94 World Cup

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia, July 14. (AP) The Asian Football Confederation is lobbying for an extra slot for Asia in the 1994 World Cup finals despite the lacklustre showing of Asian teams in the recent World Cup in Italy.

AFC secretary-general Peter Vellapan told reporters today the confederation would make efforts to convince the Federation of International Football Associations (Fifa), the world soccer governing body, that Asia deserves an increase from the current two spots.

Fifa president Joao Havelange promised to give Africa another spot in the US finals, giving it three, following Cameroon's strong performance in the recent Cup.

"Asia should be given an extra spot in the finals as it is the largest continent and notably known as a football continent, with some 15 million players," Vellapan said.

He also expressed AFC's disappointment over the performance of Asia's two representatives, South Korea and the United Arab Emirates, in Italy. Both teams failed to advance to the second round.

Sally to meet Flora in singles final

TOP SEED Sally Rioja beat Evelyn Cabrera 6-0, 6-2 while second seed Flora Nagas defeated Liberty Corral 6-2, 6-0 for a showdown in the finals of the ladies division of the 1990 All-Filipino Tennis Tournament, held at Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza.

Sally was at her usual best and always outplayed Evelyn in their one-hour match, packed with fans from Farwaniyah Hospital.

A larger crowd was on hand to cheer Flora Nagas and Liberty Corral. Flora's power was simply too much for the less experienced Liberty. Flora will face Sally in the finals on August 2.

In the singles, third seed Benjie Aldecoa dashed the hopes of unseeded Ato Kagayutan of reaching the semifinals when Benjie clobbered him 6-1, 6-2. Ato's magic was not working against the indefatigable Benjie. Homer Babalo survived a comeback from David Acido who took the second set to win 6-1, 4-6, 6-2. A long match, which lasted over two hours, was between Bebot Clemeno and Orlando Cabatigan. Bebot was stretched to the third set when Orlando had an inspired second set at 6-1. It seemed that Bebot was in trouble in the third set but he eventually prevailed 6-4, 1-6, 6-4.

Nick Villar had a scare from Romeo Carandang in the first set but he came in with full power in the second set to get the match 7-5, 6-1. Arnold San Diego overpowered Jess Kafer 6-1, 6-0. Homer Babalo had another match on Friday as Roger Pacamalan which he won handily 6-0, 6-3.

In the doubles, top seeds Nards Cruz and Herbert Mendoza defeated Dr Ninoy Villanueva and Bebot Clemeno in a match filled with service aces and bugging errors from Nards. Bebot served the first service ace on the first



Sally Rioja in action.

serve of the match.

Third seed Benjie Aldecoa/Surley Lago breezed through the quarterfinal with less opposition from Dick Argulla and Jun Dianito who were unable to get into play because of the strong winds 6-0, 6-3. Fourth seeded Flora Pentecoste and Emil Casido had even some

experience prevailed and the two Rolles won 6-3, 6-4. It was a fun match between Chito Lumayag/George Opinaldo and Gerry Saneza/Ato Kagayutan with Ato's usual verbal and physical antics. The younger guys proved too agile for the two and Chito and George took the match 6-4, 6-0.

Willy Maranan - Armando de la Cruz won by default over Ernie Lagman and Butch Samaco. It was also a walkover for Danny Felix and Rene Urot when Ernie Ramos and Freddy Pagayo failed to show up. Then Parayno/Buzon won by default over Nick Ruiz and Lito Ramos.

The schedule of matches for Thursday, July 19, 5pm: F. Una vs J. Salvador/W. Maranan vs E. Lagman. 6 pm C. Paleyan vs E. Cabrera, D. Argulla vs R. Quider. 7 pm G. Nuevo vs B. Samaco, F. Pagayo vs R. Pila and G. Tabuada vs E. Casido. 1. Ramos vs C. Briones. 9 pm R. Alangre vs F. Arcangel, M. Belardo vs. G. Arieta.

Friday, July 20, 5 pm: F. Una/J. Salvador vs B. Samaco/G. Nuevo, B. Aldecoa/S. Lago vs J. Parayno/A. Buzon. 6 pm V. Fernandez vs L. Corral, G. Opinaldo/C. Lumayag vs D. Felix/R. Urot. 7 pm N. Cruz/H. Mendoza vs R. Rodriguez/R. Quider, W. Maranan/A. de la Cruz vs F. Pentecoste/E. Casido. 8 pm G. Arieta/M. Belardo vs F. Arcangel/R. Alangre, L. Ramos/C. Briones vs R. Pila/F. Pagayo.

This tournament is being organized by Kay and Associates Tennis Club. The principal sponsors are National Bank of Kuwait SAK, Kuwait Tourism and Shipping Corp., Al Rashid Freight and Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza in cooperation with City International Exchange/Far East Bank, Mabuhay Restaurant and Saloon, and Canada Dry, the official softdrink of the tournament.